



Pope Francis give the thumbs-up from the popemobile during a parade around the Ellipse near the White House in Washington, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015.  
(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

## Adoring Crowds Greet Pope in Nation's Capital

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

Cheered by jubilant crowds across the nation's capital, Pope Francis forged common cause Wednesday with President Barack Obama on climate change, immigration and inequality, as the popular pontiff signaled he would not sidestep issues that have deeply divided Americans.

On his first full day in the United States, the pope also reached out to America's 450 bishops, many

of whom have struggled to come to terms with his new social justice-minded direction for the Catholic Church.

He gently prodded the bishops to forgo "harsh and divisive language," while commending their "courage" in the face of the church's sexual abuse scandal — rhetoric that angered victims he may meet with later in his trip.

Late in the day, Francis — the first pope from the Americas — canonized Junipero Serra, the famous 18th century Spanish friar who brought the Catholic

faith to California.

The 78-year-old pontiff's whirlwind day in Washington enlivened the often staid, politically polarized city. Excited crowds lined streets near the White House to catch a glimpse of the smiling and waving Francis as he passed by in his open-air "popemobile." He seemed to draw energy from the cheering spectators, particularly the children his security detail brought to him for a papal kiss and blessing.

In keeping with his reputation as the "people's pope," Francis kept Obama

and other dignitaries at the White House waiting so he could spend time greeting schoolchildren gathered outside the Vatican's diplomatic mission where he spent the night.

With flags snapping, color guard at attention and a military band playing, Francis stepped from his modest Fiat onto the South Lawn on a crisp fall morning that felt as optimistic as his own persona. Pope and president stood on a red-carpeted platform bedecked with red, white and blue bunting for the national anthems of the Holy See

and the United States.

The pope's remarks were brief, yet pointed.

Speaking in soft, halting English, Francis said that as the son of an immigrant family, he was "happy to be a guest in this country, which was largely built by such families." The Argentine pope was born to Italian parents who left their home country before he was born, and he has been a forceful advocate for humane treatment of migrants.

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## 2 Al-Jazeera journalists pardoned, released in Egypt

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**CAIRO (AP)** — President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi pardoned and released two Al-Jazeera English journalists Wednesday, ending a case that was widely condemned by human rights groups and had raised questions about Egypt's commitment to democracy and free speech.

to three years in prison in a retrial last month for airing what a court described as "false news" and coverage biased in favor of the Muslim Brotherhood. Since the 2013 military overthrow of former President Mohamed Morsi, hundreds of his supporters have been killed in clashes with security forces and thousands were detained, including almost

ment has finally corrected a longstanding injustice," she said in a statement. Al-Jazeera also said it was happy for its employees. "It is hard to celebrate, though, as this whole episode should not have happened in the first place," the broadcaster said in a statement. The long-running trial of the Al-Jazeera staff was en-

thorities have declared a terrorist organization, and airing falsified video intended to damage national security. They initially were convicted June 23, 2014, with Greste and Fahmy sentenced to seven years in prison and Mohammed to 10 years for also being found with a spent bullet casing. That ruling was later overturned on appeal, and



Canadian Al-Jazeera English journalist Mohamed Fahmy second left, and his Egyptian colleague Baher Mohammed, celebrate with their wives after being released from Torah prison in Cairo, Egypt, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015. Fahmy and his colleague Baher, were among a group of 100 people pardoned by Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi on the eve of the major Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha. The pardon also comes a day before the Egyptian leader is to travel to New York to attend the United Nations General Assembly.

(AP Photo/Amr Nabil)

The move to free Canadian journalist Mohamed Fahmy and Egyptian national Baher Mohammed came days before el-Sissi's appearance at the U.N. General Assembly, as well as on the eve of a major holiday in Islam, Eid al-Adha. Also receiving presidential pardons were 100 people, including dozens of human rights activists. Most of them were convicted and imprisoned for breaking a disputed law enacted in 2013 that prohibits unapproved demonstrations. The measure has almost entirely ended street activism in Egypt. Fahmy and Mohammed were arrested in December 2013 and sentenced

the entire leadership of his group, the now-outlawed Muslim Brotherhood. The two journalists were released hours after the pardon was announced, and dropped off by police in a Cairo suburb. "We have not digested the fact that we are free, we don't have to worry about anything else," said Fahmy, who joined Al-Jazeera just months before his arrest. "Our families have suffered so much since the beginning of this trial, and we're very happy that el-Sissi took this action and released us." Fahmy's lawyer, Amal Clooney, said she was "delighted" by the pardon. "This is a historic day in Egypt where the govern-

tangled from the start with the wider political enmity between Egypt and the super-rich Gulf state of Qatar, where the broadcaster is based, following Morsi's ouster. Egypt maintains that Qatar is fueling unrest in Egypt through its support to Islamists, including the Brotherhood. Egypt's official MENA news agency said a third person from the Al-Jazeera case — which included multiple other defendants along with Australian journalist Peter Greste — was also pardoned but was not identified by name. Fahmy, Greste and Mohammed were charged with being part of the Muslim Brotherhood, which au-

a retrial ended with last month's convictions. Greste was deported earlier this year. He was told of the pardons for Fahmy and Mohammed during a taping of a TV show in Australia, and was overcome with emotion. "We've been fighting for the past eight months for this," he said before composing himself and punching the air with both fists. In comments to Al-Jazeera English, he added: "We have to keep in mind that this is not over until everyone who was caught up in this case has gone free." As defense minister, el-Sissi led the ouster of Morsi, Egypt's first freely elected president. □

## US man accused of killing South Korean extradited for his new trial

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**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)** —

An American charged with murder in the stabbing of a Seoul university student in 1997, who officials say had fled to the U.S., was extradited to South Korea on Wednesday to face a new trial in a case that has generated widespread interest and a local movie.

Arthur Patterson, 35, from California, faces charges of fatally stabbing Cho Choong-pil at a Burger King restaurant in Itaewon, an entertainment district near U.S. military headquarters in Seoul.

"It's not right that they (Cho's family members) have to keep going through this pain over and over and over, but it's not right that I'm here either. I'm still shocked that I'm even here," Patterson told reporters after arriving from Los Angeles at Incheon International Airport, west of Seoul. Patterson's friend, American Edward Lee, was sentenced to life in prison for the murder. An appeals court reduced the sentence to 20 years and later acquitted Lee in a new trial, citing a lack of evidence. Patterson received 18 months in prison for destroying evidence and possessing a dangerous weapon. He was freed in a special amnesty before finishing his prison term. Prosecutors then launched a new investigation and barred Patterson from leaving South Korea. However, he fled to the U.S. in 1999, while South Korean authorities were trying to renew a travel ban on him, according to South Korea's Justice Ministry. In 2011, prosecutors charged Patterson with murder, citing fresh evidence. Patterson and Lee, both teenagers at the time, accused each other of killing Cho, 22, who was found with multiple stab wounds in the restaurant's bathroom and died on the way to a hospital. □



## Xi says 'without reform' no business progress in China

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**SEATTLE (AP)** — Chinese President Xi Jinping on Wednesday addressed Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, billionaire investor Warren Buffett and other top American and Chinese business leaders, vowing that his country would work to remove barriers to foreign investment and improve intellectual property protections.

Xi's conference with the business leaders in Seattle marked the beginning of a busy day. He also toured the Boeing production facility in Everett and was to visit the Microsoft campus along with a high school in Tacoma.

Apple Chief Executive Tim Cook, Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella and Jack Ma of Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba also were among the 30 executives who attended a closed-door discussion moderated by former U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson that preceded Xi's address.

Xi told the group in a speech that was open to media that China's economy has "big potential" and leaders will continue to remove barriers to foreign investment. "Without reform, there will be no driving force; without opening up, there will be no progress," Xi said through an interpreter, echoing remarks he made during a speech Tuesday. "There is good news and I believe there will be more good news in the future." Xi attributed the Chinese economy's "moderation in speed and downward pressure with some ups and downs in the stock market" to three factors — world economic problems, proactive Chinese efforts at regulation and "protracted structural problems" in China.

But, he said, "I believe in the long run that the fundamentals of the Chinese economy are good."

A big item of concern for the American CEOs was a

treaty that would provide a framework for broader investment in the economy of each nation.

All of the American CEOs participating in the forum signed a letter to Xi and U.S. President Barack Obama urging them to support an agreement, and they heard encouraging words from Xi on the topic Wednesday.

"Once concluded, the treaty will further ease market access and put in place more open and transparent market rules," he said.

Bilateral investment treaties provide rules for companies doing business in other countries. The agreements can help ensure the rights of foreign investors are protected and that foreign companies operate on a level playing field with domestic ones.

An agreement with China could open up more of that nation's massive market to American companies, provide clearer rules for Chinese investment in the U.S., and create jobs in both countries, supporters say.

Such treaties "can be a powerful catalyst for more economic growth," said Evan Feigenbaum, vice chairman of the Paulson Institute, which co-hosted the meeting.

Representatives from Twitter, Facebook and Google were notably missing from the event. China blocks those companies' websites.

Earlier Wednesday it was announced that Chinese companies have agreed to buy 300 jets from Boeing. In addition, state-owned Commercial Aircraft Corp. of China signed a cooperation agreement with the aerospace giant to build a 737 aircraft assembly center in China.

Xi arrived in Seattle on Tuesday for a three-day visit before he heads to the White House later this week.

In the speech Tuesday, Xi told dignitaries such as former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, former

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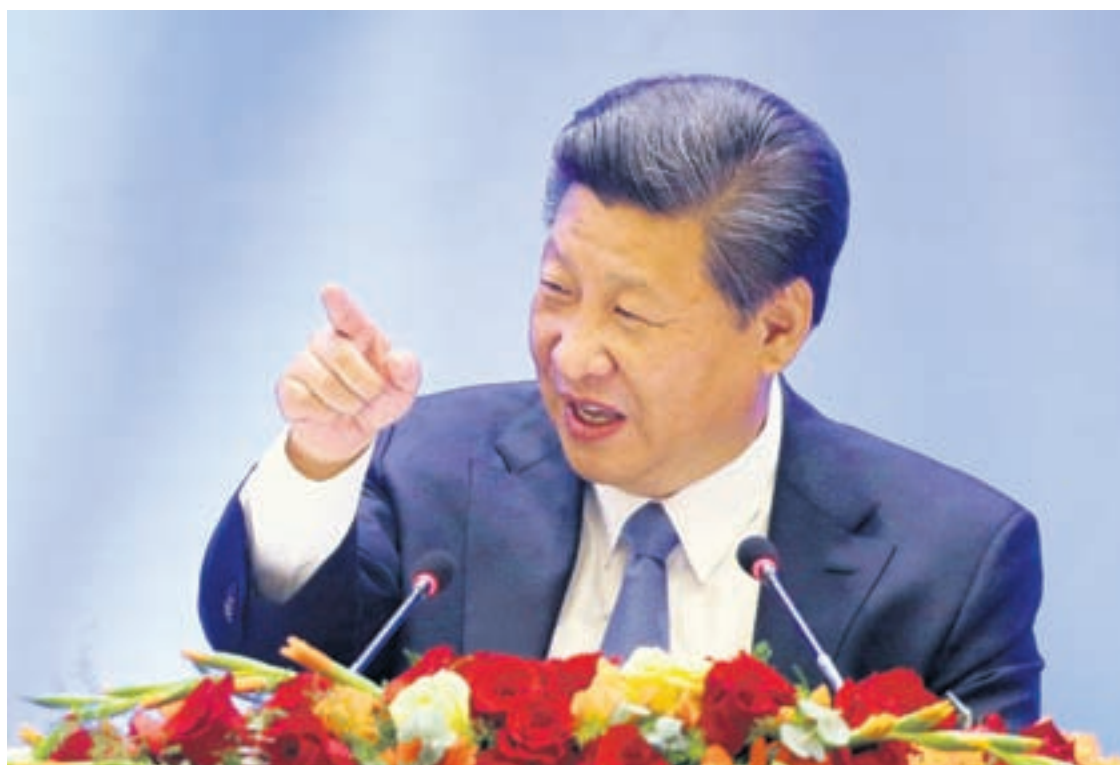
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Chinese President Xi Jinping speaks at a U.S.-China business roundtable, comprised of U.S. and Chinese CEOs, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015, in Seattle. The Paulson Institute, in partnership with the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, co-hosted the event.

(AP Photo/Elaine Thompson, Pool)

Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson and Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker

that reaching agreements to ensure robust international trade was a priority.

"China will never close its open door to the outside world," Xi said. □



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**Pope Francis smiles as gatherers applaud him inside the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015, before holding a mass to canonize Junipero Serra.**

(AP Photo/Patrick Semansky, Pool)

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Francis was enthusiastic in his embrace of Obama's climate change agenda, specifically praising the president for taking steps to reduce air pollution. In a firm message to those who doubt the science of climate change, he said the warming planet "demands on our part a serious and responsible recognition" of the world that will be left to today's children.

"Accepting the urgency, it seems clear to me also that climate change is a problem which can no longer be left to a future generation," said Francis, who has been pressing his environmental message ahead of climate change talks in Paris later this year. The pope's messages were warmly welcomed by Obama, who has prodded his Republican rivals for action on immigration and climate change with limited success. In his own remarks heralding the pope's arrival at the White House, Obama thanked Francis for reminding the world of the "sacred obligation to protect our planet - God's magnificent gift to us."

The pope and president were also aligned in their call for addressing global poverty and inequality, with Obama praising Fran-

cis' call to put "the least of these at the center of our concern."

The pope had something for conservatives, too, with a clear call to protect religious liberties — "one of America's most precious possessions."

"All are called to be vigilant," he said, "to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it." U.S. bishops and conservatives who have objected to the Obama administration's health care mandate and the recent Supreme

Court legalization of same-sex marriage have made religious freedom a rallying cry, with a largely domestic focus.

After their opening remarks on the lawn, Obama and Francis met one-on-one for 40 minutes in the Oval Office, joined only by an interpreter. White House aides said the discussion was private, and declined to say whether the leaders addressed subjects on which they sharply differ, including abortion and gay marriage.

While the pope's visit was

analyzed for political implications in a city already consumed by next year's U.S. presidential election, for Catholics and many other Americans Francis' six-day, three-city trip to the U.S. is an opportunity to connect with a humble church leader who has rejuvenated many of the country's believers.

"He's made the church more of an obtainable thing," said Nigel Stacy, a law student who arrived at the White House in the middle of the night to get a good place to stand for the arrival ceremony. "It's more relatable. You see what he does and you can see yourself emulating that."

Washington resident Theresa Wellman, who brought her mother and five children to watch the pope's parade through the streets of the nation's capital, called Francis "a breath of fresh air."

"He's changed the tone into a loving, merciful church to serve the poor," Wellman said.

The church's leadership in the U.S. has sometimes been more skeptical of the pope, wary of the divide between his focus on a merciful church and the culture wars that America's bishops have been involved in over abortion and gay rights.

In his remarks to U.S. bishops at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, Francis emphasized one of the defining messages of his papacy, to focus less on defending church teaching and more on compassion. The pope told the American church leaders that "harsh and divisive language does not befit the tongue of a pastor" and he encouraged them to speak with anyone, no matter their views.

In his first comments in the U.S. on the clergy sex abuse scandal that erupted in 2002, the pope praised the bishops for a "generous commitment to bring healing to victims" and for acting "without fear of self-criticism."

An organization for abuse victims quickly disagreed.

"Almost without exception, they have shown cowardice and callousness and continue to do so now," said Barbara Dorris, president of SNAP, or Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests.

Under public pressure, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops pledged to oust any guilty clergy from church work and enact safeguards for children. However, some victims say the bishops still haven't fully accounted for sheltering abusers. This year, three bishops resigned over their failures to protect children. Later Wednesday, Francis celebrated a Mass of Canonization, the first ever on U.S. soil, for Junipero Serra in Spanish.

Several thousand of the 25,000 tickets to the event were set aside for Spanish-speaking people, many from California. The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception erected a temporary sanctuary outdoors for the Mass, which lasted into the evening.

On Thursday, Francis planned to deliver the first papal address ever to Congress, speaking to Republican-majority legislators deeply at odds with Obama on many of the same issues the leaders addressed at the White House. □



**President Barack Obama leans over to talk to Pope Francis during a state arrival ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015.**

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## In South Carolina, Trump lashes out at GOP rivals

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**NORTH CHARLESTON, South Carolina (AP)** —

Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump lashed out at rivals and complained about mistreatment by the media on Wednesday, apparently stung by a rash of criticism about his comments on immigration and women.

It's not like the other Republican candidates particularly like each other, Trump grouched. Marco Rubio and Jeb Bush "hate each other, but they can't say it," he added. "I'm so tired of this politically correct crap."

Eclipsed this week by Pope Francis' tour of the U.S., the billionaire developer and former reality star spent his day slinging insults.

He tweeted Wednesday that he's boycotting Fox News, even though the network said officials there had canceled a Trump appearance first. Trump also complained that rival Rubio has gotten too much attention for gaining on Bush in some polls of Republican primary voters. And he said Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul should drop out of the race because of his low showing in the polls.

Trump still leads most polls for the 2016 Republican nomination less than five months before voting begins with the Iowa caucus.

"The polls are through the roof," he told a session of South Carolina's African-American Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Charleston Business Alliance, another group of black business leaders.

However, there were signs that things aren't so great for the billionaire developer so far this week.

His appearance in South Carolina was billed as an opportunity for him to address minority business

announcement came after the channel canceled a scheduled Trump appearance on "The O'Reilly

his opponents together with his usual promises to make the nation "great" and "rich" once again. He

from that debate newly confident that they could take him on by focusing on more substantive policy issues, which Trump has often avoided. Still, Trump demonstrates considerable strength on the campaign trail. After speaking before a few hundred empty seats in North Charleston, he drew more than 1,000 people to a Columbia town hall hosted by South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott.

At the North Charleston event, Trump cast Fiorina — another "outsider" candidate trying to appeal to anti-establishment Republicans — as another politician looking for donors who will ultimately control her.

"Carly is out there fighting to raise money," he said. "She doesn't want to spend her own money. Maybe she doesn't have it."

Fiorina suggested Tuesday in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, that she is making Trump "nervous."

Trump called Marco Rubio a "nice guy" but mocked the Florida senator and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie for sweating profusely during the Reagan library debate. Rubio was "drenched" afterward, Trump said.

"That room was 100 degrees. That room was hot. I mean poor Chris Christie," Trump said. □



**Republican presidential candidate, businessman Donald Trump, greets supporters after speaking at an event sponsored by the Greater Charleston Business Alliance and the South Carolina African American Chamber of Commerce at the Charleston Area Convention Center in North Charleston, S.C., Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015.**  
(AP Photo/Mic Smith)

owners. But Trump's white supporters who bought tickets to the event comprised most of the audience, and Trump made only a few mentions of the black business community, at one point saying: "I have a lot of friends who are African-Americans."

Trump spoke in South Carolina a few hours after tweeting that he is boycotting Fox News. A Fox spokeswoman said Trump's

Factor" Thursday. Trump has been feuding with Fox since the first Republican primary debate, when he objected to moderator Megyn Kelly pressing him to explain incendiary comments he's made about women.

In North Charleston, the candidate didn't specifically mention his ongoing spat with Fox News, instead weaving meandering attacks on the media and

continued his attacks later Wednesday in Columbia, South Carolina, with barbs aimed at Kentucky's Paul, among others.

The front-runner's griping comes as some of Trump's rivals have surged, including former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina, who impressed many viewers with her performance during the second Republican primary debate.

Many of his rivals emerged

## Republicans pressing about probe into Clinton emails

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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Republican lawmakers are expressing frustration about what they say is a lack of information from the Justice Department about Hillary Rodham Clin-

ton's use of a private email account while serving as secretary of state.

Published reports this week cited anonymous government officials as saying the FBI has succeeded in recovering deleted emails from the 2016 Democratic presidential candidate's

server.

The Democratic presidential candidate provided the device to the FBI last month and has said emails had been removed. Federal investigators are looking into Clinton's home-based server amid concerns that classified information may

have passed through the system.

The chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Republican Chuck Grassley of Iowa, says the Justice Department is keeping him in the dark about whether a criminal investigation is under way. □

## Indiana's high court weighs state fair stage collapse case

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**Associated Press**

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — The state of Indiana is responsible by contract for the legal defense and any judgments against a company which provided the rigging that collapsed and killed seven people during the 2011 state fair, a company attorney told the state's

highest court. Mid-America Sound Corp. attorney Robert MacGill told the justices of the Indiana Supreme Court on Wednesday that Indiana's State Fair Commission signed lease forms with the company for nine years that included an "indemnification" provision releasing Mid-America from any claims arising

from the use of its equipment. Mid-America inserted that provision in its invoice claim form after the company tried to halt a 2002 state fair concert as severe weather threatened but was rebuffed by state fair officials, who said only they had such authority, he said. "The 2002 event changed

the contract and the contract was negotiated, agreed to and executed year after year," MacGill said. Fair officials signed the revised forms starting in 2003 and for eight subsequent years, including in 2011 after high winds in August of that year toppled stage rigging Mid-America had provided onto fans

awaiting the start of a concert by country duo Sugarland. Seven people were killed and more than 100 were injured.

Indiana has paid out \$11 million to victims of the collapse, including \$5 million under the state's liability cap and \$6 million in public funds freed up by the General Assembly. □

## Suspect in 4 of 11 Phoenix freeway shootings charged



**Leslie Allen Merritt Jr., makes his initial appearance before a judge at the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, in Phoenix. Prosecutors announced formal charges Wednesday against a 21-year-old man suspected in some of the freeway shootings that have rattled the Phoenix area.**  
(Rob Schumacher/The Arizona Republic via AP)

**BOB CHRISTIE**

**Associated Press**

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Prosecutors announced formal charges Wednesday against a 21-year-old man suspected in some of the freeway shootings that have rattled the Phoenix area.

Leslie Allen Merritt Jr. was charged with 16 counts, including aggravated assault, unlawful discharge of a weapon, disorderly conduct, endangerment and carrying out a drive-by shooting. But prosecutors did not file terrorism charges that

police originally sought against the landscaper arrested Friday night at a suburban Phoenix Wal-Mart.

Maricopa County's top prosecutor, Bill Montgomery, previously said Arizona's terrorism laws enacted after 9/11 focus mostly

on protecting public utilities from attack and would not apply to the freeway shootings.

Using ballistics tests, detectives tied Merritt to four of the 11 shootings reported on Phoenix-area freeways, Arizona Department of Public Safety Director Frank Milstead said.

State police say copycats might be shooting guns or other weapons on freeways, so the investigation remains open.

Only one person was injured in the shootings: On Aug. 29, a bullet pierced the windshield of an SUV on Interstate 10, and the broken glass slightly cut a 13-year-old passenger.

Merritt is charged in that shooting and three others where state police recovered bullet fragments from vehicles.

Merritt said at his initial appearance Saturday that officers arrested the wrong person. He said that during the time the shootings occurred, he didn't have the pistol police recovered from a pawn shop last

week.

"My gun's been in the pawn shop the last two months," Merritt told the judge. "I haven't even had access to a weapon."

But the owner of the Mo Money Pawn Shop in Phoenix said Wednesday that he had turned over logs and surveillance video that showed Merritt pawned the gun Aug. 30. That puts Merritt's pawning of his gun after the four shootings he's charged with.

He had previously pawned and retrieved his gun twice since July, pawn shop owner Eric Baker said. Each time, he would have had to present identification and give a fingerprint, plus undergo an FBI background check to retrieve the weapon.

"And the final time it was brought here was Aug. 30 around 5:30 p.m. after the freeway shootings occurred that day," Baker said. Also on Wednesday, state police said the series of shootings began earlier than thought. □

## 2 men charged in Canada train terror get life in prison

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**Associated Press**

**TORONTO (AP)** — Two men found guilty of plotting to derail a passenger train in Canada with support from al-Qaida were sentenced Wednesday to life in prison. Chiheb Esseghaier and Raed Jaser must serve a minimum of 10 years before becoming eligible for parole on their life sentences.

A jury convicted Esseghaier, a Tunisian national, ear-

lier this year of planning to derail a Via train heading from New York to Toronto and four other terror-related charges.

Jaser was found guilty of conspiring to commit murder in support of terrorism and two other charges. Jaser, who was born in the United Arab Emirates to Palestinian parents but is not an UAE citizen, was living in Toronto when he was arrested in 2013.

Investigators say the men

received guidance from members of al-Qaida in Iran. Iranian government officials denied having anything to do with the plot.

Toronto Justice Michael Code found both men have not renounced their extremist beliefs, have not expressed remorse and present questionable prospects for rehabilitation.

"Code found that they were very serious and committed," prosecutor

Croft Michaelson said outside the courtroom. "He found that they were not remorseful and that there was really no indication of substantial rehabilitation. They're dangerous individuals and that came through in the life sentences."

During their trial, the court heard that an undercover FBI agent gained the trust of Jaser and Esseghaier and surreptitiously recorded their conversations,

which made up the bulk of the case's evidence.

The two were recorded speaking about alleged terror plots they would conduct in retaliation for Canada's military actions in Muslim countries, including the derailing the New York-to-Toronto train.

A few weeks after Esseghaier and Jaser were arrested, FBI officials arrested a Tunisian man in New York who they said was linked to the rail terror plot. □





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## US: Chicago man helped cousin on Indonesia killing via texts



In this March, 2015 file photo, Heather Mack, 19, left, and her boyfriend Tommy Schaefer, 21, of Chicago, are handcuffed as they arrive at a courtroom during their trial in Bali, Indonesia. Mack and Schaefer, 19, were both convicted in the killing of Mack's mother, Sheila von Wiese-Mack.

(AP Photo/Firdia Lisnawati, File)

**MICHAEL TARM**  
Associated Press

**CHICAGO (AP)** — A Chicago man was arrested Wednesday on charges that he advised his cousin and his cousin's girlfriend about how to kill the woman's wealthy mother at a beach resort in Indonesia, with the criminal complaint describing how he used text messages from the United States to suggest

the most effective methods to kill.

Robert Justin Bibbs, 24, believed that in exchange for instructing the couple on how to carry out the slaying and how to evade police detection that he would get a cut of the mother's inheritance, according to the complaint, which was unsealed several hours after Bibbs' arrest.

He is charged in feder-

al court in Chicago with conspiring with his cousin, Tommy Schaefer, and Heather Mack to kill Sheila von Wiese-Mack, whose body was found stuffed inside a suitcase in a taxi at the resort in Bali in August 2014. An Indonesian court convicted Mack, 19, and Schaefer, 21, in the killing in April.

When U.S. Magistrate Judge Maria Valdez asked Bibbs at an initial appearance Wednesday whether he understood he could face life in prison, Bibbs quietly replied, "Yes, ma'am." Sitting nearby, his own mother shook her head in disbelief when a prosecutor said her son was accused in a murder conspiracy. Bibbs will remain jailed at least until a Friday detention hearing. Shortly before von Wiese-

Mack, 62, was bludgeoned to death, Schaefer allegedly texted Bibbs saying the couple had unsuccessfully tried causing the mother to overdose on medication. "I told you," Bibbs answered in a text; "U was right," Schaefer responded, according to the criminal complaint.

The complaint says Schaefer then texted Bibbs that Mack was in the Bali hotel room with her sleeping mother and that she wanted him to come over and kill her right away. "She wants me to right now ... while she snoozing," Schaefer texted; Bibbs' response, according to the complaint, was: "Go sit on her face wit a pillow." In communicating the overdose hadn't worked, Schaefer included a gun emoji, or symbol, adding,

"Definitely need that," the complaint says. Schaefer even texted emojis of money bags to indicate how the killing would make them all rich, the complaint says.

After their conviction earlier this year, Schaefer was sentenced to 18 years in prison for battering the woman to death and Mack to 10 years for helping.

At his trial, Schaefer testified that von Wiese-Mack was angry when she learned her daughter was pregnant, prompting him to strike her with metal fruit bowl. The couple's baby girl, Stella, was born in prison in March. Von Wiese-Mack was the widow of highly regarded jazz and classical composer James L. Mack, who died in 2006 at the age of 76. □

## US man convicted of theft for failing to take care of corpses

**FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)** — A Texas funeral home owner whose business was to be featured in a reality TV show was convicted Wednesday of accepting money to care for bodies but failing to do so before the mortuary abruptly closed.

Deondre Johnson was convicted on two felony theft counts by a Tarrant County jury. He faced up to two years in state jail for theft. He's expected to be tried later on seven counts of abuse of a corpse in the same case.

The Johnson Family Mortu-

ary drew attention in June 2014 with the announcement of a planned reality TV show, about running a funeral home and dealing with death on a daily basis. The business closed the following month due to non-payment of rent. Investigators who later went through the mortuary found several bodies in advanced stages of decomposition, with some remains difficult to identify.

Johnson accepted payment then failed to provide services such as cremation, according to prosecutors. □



## SPECIAL DINNER MENU

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## Divided EU holds emergency summit on migrant crisis

**MIKE CORDER**  
**LORNE COOK**  
**Associated Press**

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — The migrant crisis overwhelming the European Union tugged at the very fabric of the 28-nation bloc Wednesday with bitter divisions casting a shadow over an emergency summit aimed at staunching the flow of asylum-seekers.

Leaders meeting in Brussels were looking at long-term ways to tackle "the dramatic situation at our external borders and strengthen controls at those borders," according to a draft text seen by The Associated Press.

Proposals included deploying more personnel to patrol EU borders, donating at least \$1.1 billion (1 billion euros) to international aid agencies to help refugees in camps near conflict zones like Syria and boosting support to Lebanon, Turkey and Jordan to help them cope with the millions fleeing the fighting in Syria. European Union President Donald Tusk urged divided EU nations to set aside their differences and work together to hammer out a concrete plan "in place

of the arguments and the chaos we have witnessed in the last weeks."

French President Francois

his way into the meeting. His remarks came after four eastern European nations — the Czech Republic, Slo-

vakia, Hungary and Romania — voted against a plan adopted Tuesday to relocate 120,000 asylum-seekers to other member states over the next two years to ease the strain on Italy and Greece, which are on the



European Council President Donald Tusk addresses the media as he arrives for an emergency EU heads of state summit on migration at the EU Council building in Brussels, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015. The European Union hopes to provide more funds for refugees and agree short and long term measures to confront the migration crisis.

(AP Photo/Martin Meissner)

Hollande was more blunt. "Those who don't share our values, those who don't even want to respect those principles, need to start asking themselves questions about their place in the European Union," he said on

vakia, Hungary and Romania — voted against a plan adopted Tuesday to relocate 120,000 asylum-seekers to other member states over the next two years to ease the strain on Italy and Greece, which are on the

voted against it. Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico said his country will try to block the deal in an EU court. "We won't implement this decision because we think it can't work," Fico said. □

## New Greek govt. sworn in, pledges focus on reforms

**ATHENS, Greece (AP)** —

Greece's new coalition government formally assumed its duties Wednesday, pledging to enforce creditor-demanded spending cuts and reforms while softening the pain on an austerity-weary population.

Labor Minister George Katrougalos said the new administration elected Sunday has to focus on the reforms that were a key condition for the latest in a series of international bailouts keeping the country afloat. "Until now the people knew us and backed us as a force of resistance to neoliberalism, establishment politics and corruption," he said at a swearing-in ceremony for Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras' new government. "Now we must prove that we are also a force for reform."

Tsipras, at 41 Greece's youngest prime minister in about 150 years, won reelection in the early election despite a rebellion in his party after his remarkable policy U-turn in the summer, when he broke key promises to fight bailout-linked austerity and instead signed a new bailout with even more tax hikes and income cuts.

"It would be naive to say that our path will be strewn with flowers," Deputy Prime Minister Yiannis Dragasakis said. To secure the 86-billion-euro (\$96 billion) rescue loans, Greece has committed to further reduce pension spending, overhaul the pension and social security system, double taxation on farmers, open restricted markets to competition and push ahead with a large privatization program. □

## Russia:

## New US nukes in Germany would draw response

**MOSCOW (AP)** — The Kremlin says Russia will take countermeasures if the U.S. places new nuclear weapons at a base in Germany. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov's comments, reported Wednesday by Russian news agencies, came in response to a report by Germany's ZDF television. The report said that preparation is underway by the

U.S. to station B61-12 nuclear bombs at Buechel Air Base in Germany.

ZDF said its information was based on examination of U.S. federal budget reports. The claim couldn't immediately be confirmed.

The B61-12 is an upgraded version of weapons that have been in the US arsenal for decades, developed under what is called

the Life Extension Program. The National Nuclear Security Administration said in July that the upgrade included a new tail-kit assembly and would improve the bomb's reliability and security. Peskov said "unfortunately, if this step is implemented ... it may disrupt the strategic balance in Europe and therefore will clearly make Russia take corresponding countermeasures to re-es-

tablish the balance." He didn't specify what those measures might be. The U.S. military responded that the weapons could not be considered as new. Pentagon spokesman, Army Lt. Colonel Joe Sowers, said "life-extended weapons are not 'new' weapons. LEPs will not provide new capabilities or meet new military requirements." □



## Egypt buys 2 warships from France, 2nd big military purchase

LORI HINNANT  
SYLVIE CORBET  
Associated Press

**PARIS (AP)** — Egypt has agreed to buy two assault ships from France, the French government said Wednesday, dramatically increasing its capabilities on- and off-shore as the country tries to assume a more prominent role against Islamic State militants. The assault ships, which can

each carry 16 helicopter gunships, 700 troops and up to 50 armored vehicles, were originally intended for Russia. France continued building to Russia's specifications — including stenciling Cyrillic writing throughout the vessels — until the deal finally fell apart because of the Ukraine crisis. It was originally supposed to be the biggest arms sale ever by a NATO country to Russia.

France agreed to refund 950 million euros (\$1 billion) already paid by Russia. France didn't say how much Egypt has agreed to pay, but denied losing money. A military official who was not authorized to speak publicly about the deal said Egypt would pay 950 million euros (\$1 billion) for both ships, which will be delivered next March. Russia had traditionally supplied Egypt's military,

but the country has turned more recently toward Western arms purchases, with France taking a leading role. Egypt bought 24 advanced fighter jets from France earlier this year for nearly \$6 billion, as it sought international help to bomb IS targets. President Francois Hollande said he and Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi closed the deal Tuesday after several weeks of talks.

"France will assure delivery of these boats while losing nothing, and by doing so protecting Egypt," Hollande said. He noted French military cooperation with Egypt and Egypt's "important role" in the Middle East. He said el-Sissi underscored the role of the Suez Canal and "how important it is for Europe, for the Middle East, for trade that the Suez Canal be protected." □

## US-trained Syrian rebels investigating alleged defection

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Associated Press

**BEIRUT (AP)** — U.S.-trained rebels who recently returned to Syria said Wednesday they have lost contact with one of their officers and that they are investigating reports that he defected and handed over his weapons to al-Qaida's branch in the country. The U.S. military said it had no indication that any U.S.-trained fighters have defected.

The allegations come only days after the group of about 70 rebels returned to Syria after training in Turkey as part of the U.S. program to train and equip rebels to take part in the fight against the Islamic State group. Defection among the ranks of U.S.-trained rebels would be an embarrassment to the program, which has already been criticized as offering too little too late and

failing to provide enough protection for those trained

ing process to ensure they focus on the fight against

cluding suggesting that the newly trained fighters oper-

anti-Islamic State forces. The U.S. Central Command confirmed Monday the graduates have re-entered Syria with their weapons and equipment and were to operate alongside existing western-allied forces. In a new statement Wednesday, it said it had no indication that any New Syrian Forces fighters have defected to the al-Qaida branch in Syria, the Nusra Front, contrary to several press and social media reports. "Additionally, all Coalition-issued weapons and equipment are under the positive control of NSF fighters," it said. Navy Capt. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, said any accounts of a defection are "patently false." He said the U.S. is in contact with the latest group of trainees and as of Wednesday, all of them and their weapons were accounted for. □



Fighters from Syria's al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front gather around a Syrian government forces aircraft, inside the Abu Zuhour air base, in Idlib province, north Syria. After a two-year siege, al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria and other insurgents on Wednesday captured the one remaining Syrian army air base in Idlib province.

(Al-Nusra Front social media account via AP)

rebels once inside Syria. The selected rebels are said to undergo a thorough vet-

the IS. U.S. officials have begun an overhaul of the efforts, in-

ate as the New Syrian Forces, or NSF, alongside Syrian Kurds, Sunni Arab and other

## Bangladesh says it meets US factory safety conditions

JULHAS ALAM  
Associated Press

**DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)** — Bangladesh said it has met the conditions put forward by the United States for better safety and workers' rights in its factories that were essential to regain preferential trade status the impoverished South Asian nation lost in 2013 after two disasters killed 1,500 garment workers. The preferential trade status does not cover Bangladesh's influential garment industry, which helps the country earn \$25 billion an-

nually and mainly exports to the United States and Europe. But Dhaka has long lobbied for its garment industry to have duty-free access to the United States and the lost status was seen as a big blow to that goal. The government said in its statement late Tuesday that all of the 16 conditions set by the U.S. have been met. It has so far shut down some 364 apparel units for lack of sufficient safety measures. It has amended labor laws, enacting new rules for allowing workers to form unions, increased the

number of factory inspectors and settled many criminal cases against trade union leaders who said the charges were meant to silence them. Some 500 factory-based trade unions have been registered and workers' welfare associations have been formed in special export zones. A delegation of the U.S. Trade Representative's office praised the progress but also found shortcomings. The delegation is visiting Bangladesh to review improvements in safety standards at factories and

changes to legal documents allowing for wider workers' rights. Michael J. Delaney, assistant U.S. trade representative, gave guarded appreciation of the progress. "We saw very good progress initially on union registrations, with an unprecedented number of unions successfully registering. Now however, there seems to be slowing in this area, with an increasing number of union registrations being denied," Delaney said in remarks shared by the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka.

The team also expressed concern about the alleged harassment of the union leaders. "We have also heard continuing concerns about the protection of unions from harassment. We want to work with the government to ensure that the Ministry of Labor has the capacity to address these allegations and to ensure unions' rights and responsibilities under the law," Delaney said. Delaney said it would be crucial that Bangladesh is prepared to take on "increased regulatory responsibilities." □



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## Muslim pilgrims gather for pinnacle of hajj in Saudi Arabia

**AYA BATRAWY**  
**Associated Press**  
**MOUNT ARAFAT, Saudi Arabia (AP)** — Muslim pilgrims

It was on this day some 1,400 years ago that Islam's Prophet Muhammad delivered his final sermon

their best chance to erase past sins and start anew. Islam requires that all able-bodied Muslims perform

equality while women give up makeup and perfume, covering their heads and wearing loose-fitting cloth-

religious sects, with Sunnis and Shiites praying side by side.

The day spent in Mount Arafat is one of the few times during the hajj that all pilgrims are in the same location at the same time — and is often described as the most moving experience of the hajj.

"This is the place where the prophet ... had his last hajj all the way from Mecca to here.

We are following his footsteps," said Abdul Halim Yusuf-Ali, a 21 year-old Islamic studies student from Kenya. Yusuf-Ali was among thousands praying at Mount Arafat before sunrise Wednesday.

He said it was more important than ever for Muslims to heed the words from the prophet's last sermon, calling for unity and equality.

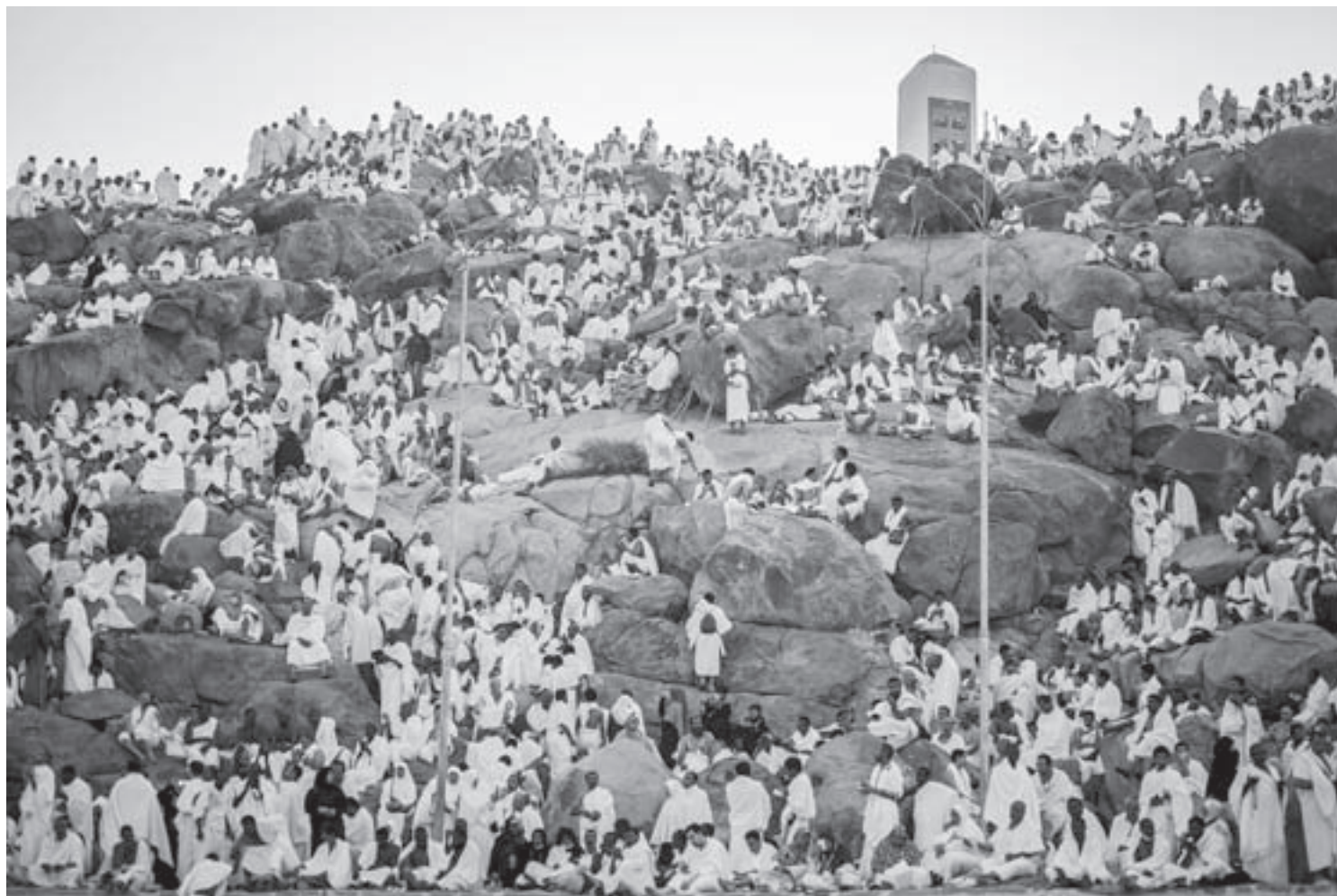
"It is very important because now Muslims' political situation is very chaotic and many Muslims are being killed every day,

and it is just the other way around from what the Prophet emphasized," Yusuf-Ali added.

Among the most volatile corners of the Muslim world is Yemen,

where a Saudi-led coalition is fighting Shiite rebels known as Houthis, who overtook major cities last year and ousted the interim president from the capital. For Yemeni pilgrim Essam Ahmed, whose country is embroiled in a bitter civil war pitting pro-government forces backed by Saudi Arabia against Shiite rebels known as Houthis and their allies,

it was important to pray for the defeat of the rebels. □



**Muslim pilgrims pray on a rocky hill called the Mountain of Mercy, on the Plain of Arafat, near the holy city of Mecca, Saudi Arabia, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015 during the hajj pilgrimage. Mount Arafat, marked by a white pillar, is where Islam's Prophet Muhammad is believed to have delivered his last sermon to tens of thousands of followers some 1,400 years ago, calling on Muslims to unite. (AP Photo/Mosa'ab Elshamy)**

from around the world gathered before dawn Wednesday in the valley of Mount Arafat in Saudi Arabia for a day of prayer that marks the pinnacle of the annual hajj pilgrimage. Some 2 million pilgrims packed should-to-shoulder for an emotional day of repentance and supplication. Many wept as they raised their hands toward the sky, asking for forgiveness and praying for loved ones.

from Mount Arafat during the hajj, calling for equality and for Muslims to unite. Throughout the day, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims scaled the hill and prayed facing the Kaaba, the cube-shaped structure in Mecca that observant Muslims around the world face in prayer five times a day. Muslims believe prayer on this day at Mount Arafat, about 20 kilometers (12 miles) east of Mecca, is

the hajj once in their lives. While following a route the Prophet Muhammad once walked, the rites are believed to ultimately trace the footsteps of the prophets Ibrahim and Ismail, or Abraham and Ishmael as they are named in the Bible. The five-day hajj began Tuesday with the shedding of symbols of materialism — men donned white terry cloth garments meant to symbolize humility and

ing. As every year, for many pilgrims it is their first time to travel outside their country, having spent years saving for what for most is an expensive pilgrimage. Once back home, they will be referred to in their communities with the respectful title of "hajji" for having completed the pilgrimage. The hajj is the largest gathering of Muslims worldwide, drawing to it people from different social classes and





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## Colombia revamps drug policy as US's program concludes

**J. GOODMAN**  
Associated Press  
BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— Colombia is overhauling its anti-drug strategy, aiming to boost alternative development efforts and relying more on manual eradication to replace U.S.-backed aerial spraying of the crop used to make cocaine.

In unveiling the new strategy Tuesday, President Juan Manuel Santos played down concerns that Colombia is easing up on cartels by ending the aerial eradication program, which has been a fixture of the drug war for two decades.

"Colombia doesn't need to continue being the biggest exporter of coca on the planet and we're going to prove it," he said in a speech that follows months of internal deliberations.

Santos decided in May to end aerial spraying of herbicides on coca crops after a research arm of the World Health Organization reclassified glyphosate as a probable carcinogen. More than 4 million acres of land in Colombia have been sprayed with the popular weed killer over the past two decades to kill the plants whose leaves produce cocaine.

As part of the new plan, growers who abandon coca will receive financial and technical assistance, as well as land titles after five years, to switch to alternative crops.

Forced manual eradication will be used as a last resort for communities that don't live up to their commitments. □

## Colombia's Santo, rebels announce breakthrough in talks

**ANNE GARCIA**  
**JOSHUA GOODMAN**  
Associated Press

**HAVANA (AP)** — Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos and leftist guerrilla commanders on Wednesday announced an important breakthrough in peace talks that sets the stage to end Latin America's longest-running armed conflict.

In a joint statement, Santos and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, said they have overcome the last significant obstacle to a peace deal by settling on a formula to compensate victims and punish belligerents for human rights abuses.

Rebels that confess their crimes, compensate victims and promise not to take up arms again will receive up to 8 years of restrictions on their liberty in restricted areas still be to determined.

Santos flew earlier in the day to Havana, where talks have been going on for three years, to make the announcement.

The breakthrough came after Pope Francis, in a visit to Cuba this week, warned the two sides that they didn't have the right to fail in their best chance at peace in decades.

"I want to recognize and value the step that the

FARC has taken today," said Santos, seated on the same dais as the rebel leader known as Timochenko and Cuban President Raul Castro. "We are

nism for rebels to demobilize, hand over their weapons and provide reparations to their victims. Santos has also promised he'll give Colombians the chance

pectations of a deal, the FARC declared a unilateral cease-fire in July and has been working with Colombia's military on a program to remove tens of



Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos talks in Quito, Ecuador. Santos has announced a surprise trip Wednesday to Cuba for a key meeting with government peace negotiators trying to wrap up talks aimed at ending the country's long-running conflict.

(AP Photo/Dolores Ochoa)

on different sides but today we advance in the same direction, in the most noble direction a society can take, which is toward peace."

Santos said Colombia's government and the FARC have reached an agreement to sign a definitive peace deal within 6 months. Negotiators must still come up with a mecha-

to voice their opinion in a referendum and any deal must also clear Congress. As part of talks in Cuba stretching over more than two years, both sides had already agreed on plans for land reform, political participation for guerrillas who lay down their weapons and how to jointly combat drug trafficking.

Further cementing ex-

thousands of rebel-planted land mines.

But amid the slow, but steady progress, one issue had seemed almost insurmountable: How to compensate victims and punish FARC commanders for human rights abuses in light of international conventions Colombia has signed and almost unanimous public rejection of the rebels. □

## Venezuela extends border crackdown to 4th state

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)** — President Nicolas Maduro has extended an anti-smuggling crackdown on his country's border with Colombia while denying that his government's troops are threatening neighboring Guyana to the east.

Maduro said Tuesday that a month-old state of emergency would be broadened to encompass part of the sparsely populated southern state of Amazonas.

Venezuela has closed border crossings, deployed troops and deported some

1,400 Colombian nationals as part of what it calls a crackdown on smuggling and crime.

Presidents of the South American neighbors met Monday to mediate a solution, but emerged with few concrete agreements besides scheduling a Wednesday

meeting between foreign ministers.

Also on Tuesday, Maduro denied that he was threatening another neighbor, Guyana. The president of Guyana has accused Venezuela of deploying troops to a contested border region. □



## Eurozone:

# As economic growth plateaus, VW scandal a worry

**PAN PYLAS**

**Associated Press**

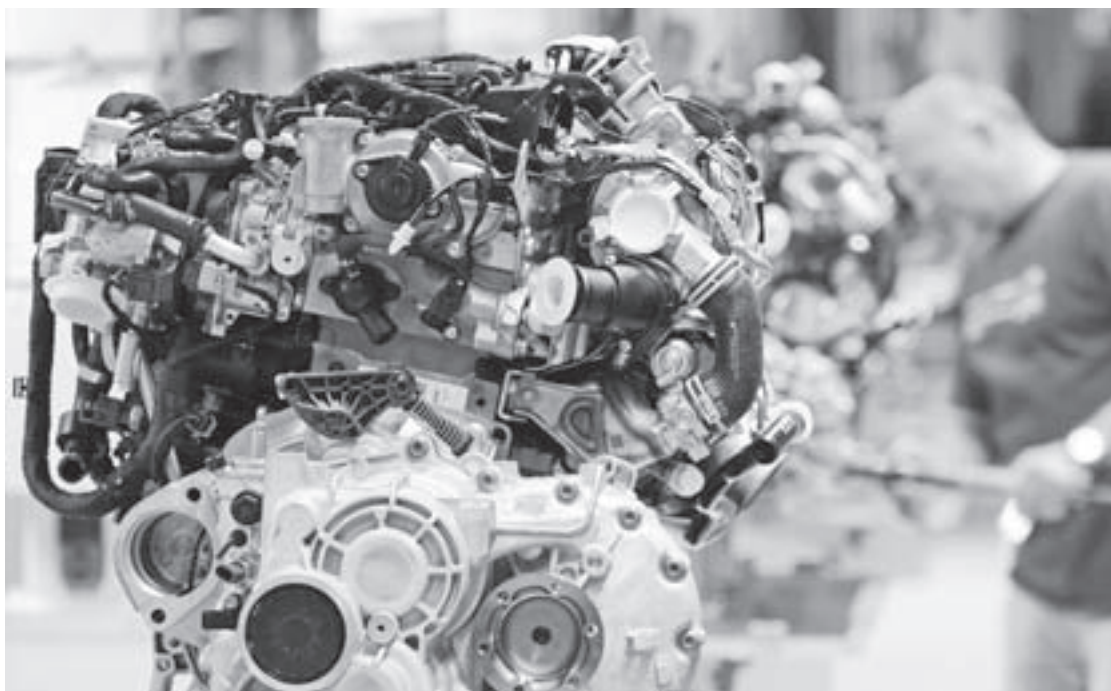
**LONDON (AP)** — Economic growth across the 19-country eurozone is showing signs of slowing, according to a survey conducted before any assessment of the impact on German industry of the emissions-rigging scandal engulfing carmaker Volkswagen.

Financial information company Markit said Wednesday its monthly purchasing managers' index — a broad gauge of business activity — fell to 53.9 points in September from 54.3 the previous month. Though anything above 50 indicates expansion, the decline points to slower growth.

Markit says its survey points to quarterly growth of 0.4 percent in the third quarter, unchanged from the previous three-month period.

"There remains a worrying failure of growth to accelerate to a pace sufficient to generate either higher inflation or strong job creation," said Chris Williamson, Markit's chief economist.

The projected quarterly growth rate is, according to Williamson, below what is generally regarded as the eurozone's long-term potential and puts the re-



**A worker completes engines of the German manufacturer Volkswagen Sachsen in Zwickau, eastern Germany. Volkswagen's share price swung wildly Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015 as CEO Martin Winterkorn stepped down amid the company's growing emissions scandal. Above and beyond legal problems, the scandal is a huge problem for a brand long identified with trustworthiness and reliability. And there are concerns that could spill over into a wider image problem for goods "made in Germany."**

(AP Photo/Jens Meyer)

gion on course to expand by just 1.6 percent this year. A more detailed look at the survey shows that Germany is enjoying its best quarterly expansion for a year even though growth slowed slightly in September.

Some economists are beginning worrying about the impact on German growth from the Volkswagen crisis. The world's top-selling carmaker has admitted that 11 million of its diesel vehi-

cles contain software that evades emissions controls, far more than the 482,000 cars identified last week by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as violating clean air laws.

While Volkswagen is struggling to contain the fallout, there are concerns that the scandal will hit sales as brand is damaged.

Since VW is a major part of the German economy, there could be some impli-

cations for growth.

Carsten Brzeski, chief economist at ING Germany, said the ongoing refugee crisis and now the "Volkswagen shocker" pose new risks to the German economy, which have yet to be picked up by surveys.

Brzeski concedes that it is "unclear" what the impact of the VW crisis will be, but that there will likely be one given the size of VW. □

## Australian consumer confidence jumping on change of leader

**ROD MCGUIRK**

**Associated Press**

**CANBERRA, Australia (AP)**

— Australian consumer confidence has jumped following the ouster of the country's unpopular prime minister last week by a moderate rival.

The optimism of Australians rose 8.7 percent in the latest ANZ-Roy Morgan consumer confidence survey published on Tuesday.

The survey was conducted last weekend after Tony Abbott was replaced as leader of the ruling Liberal Party and prime minister by Malcolm Turnbull in a vote of government lawmakers. Lack of economic leadership from

Abbott was one reason for his unpopularity. Australia's economy has suffered from China's slowdown, the main market for mainstay exports of iron ore and coal.

Turnbull is already claiming to have boosted business confidence but has given no timetable for policy measures that would promote productivity, business confidence and investment in a sluggish economy.

"We have already seen a rise in business confidence because we have a government that is talking confidently about our future and is talking optimistically about our future and indicating if not the precise policies — because I've only been prime minister for a week — but the outcomes we seek to achieve," Turnbull told Sky News television on Wednesday.

Chris Richardson, a partner in Deloitte Access Economics, said while he was not aware of which business confidence surveys Turnbull referred to, he suspected the prime minister was correct.

The Australian Industry Group, a business advocacy group, said its surveys of manufacturing, services and construction industries had shown expansion in recent months which fed improved business confidence generally. □

# Chinese manufacturing index falls to 6.5 year low

**KELVIN CHAN**

**AP Business Writer**

**HONG KONG (AP)** — Chinese manufacturing activity fell to its lowest in more than six years in the latest sign of the slowdown in the world's second biggest economy, according to a survey released Wednesday. The latest data was worse than economists had expected and unsettled global financial markets. Uncertainty about the extent of China's slowdown has been on the radar of investors, particularly after the Federal Reserve mentioned China as one of its reasons for not raising interest rates last week.

The preliminary Caixin/

Markit index, which is based on a survey of factory purchasing managers, fell to 47.0 in September from 47.3 in August. Numbers below 50 on the 100-point index indicate contraction.

It's the sixth straight monthly decline for the index, which is at its lowest since March 2009, when the world was gripped by the fallout from the global financial crisis. The preliminary index reading is based on 85 percent of survey respondents. The final figure, which is often revised, is due by Oct. 1.

Activity may have been weighed down by temporary factory closures and a two-day national holiday for a military parade

in Beijing in early September, analysts said. China's factories cut output, staff numbers and prices at a faster pace as both new export orders and overall new orders fell, the report said. Chinese manufacturers employ many millions of workers and represent a big part of the overall economy but they are feeling the effects of a weak recovery in major markets overseas. "Today's data highlights the considerable headwinds to growth from soft global demand," said HSBC Greater China Economist Julia Wang.

The data will add to the pressure on China's communist leaders as they try

to prevent growth from falling too sharply. Service industries have been growing rapidly but economists say Beijing may still need to speed up government spending to achieve the full year growth target of 7 percent. China's economic growth held steady at 7 percent in the most recent quarter, which was its weakest performance since 2008. Growth has fallen from the double-digit rates of the previous decade as Beijing tries to wean the economy off its reliance on trade and investment in favor of domestic spending on goods and services but the transition is challenging. □





## Loyal Visitors Honored at the Playa Linda Beach Resort



**PALM BEACH** - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a group of loyal and friendly visitor of Aruba at the Playa Linda Beach Resort, as Ambassadors of Goodwill and Emerald Ambassadors of Aruba. The symbolic honorary titles are presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 20-to-34 and 35-or-more consecutive years.

The honorees for Goodwill Ambassador were Mr. Franco and Mrs. Gladys Porcarelli, Mr. Carlos and Mrs. Julieta Sacks, and Mr. Eduardo and Mrs. Adrienne Porcarelli. Honored



as Emerald Ambassadors were Mr. Horacio and Mrs. Ida Moros, who received both certificates and a commemorative coin representing over 35 years of consecutive visit to Aruba.

All the honorees are from Caracas, Venezuela, and they are all loyal members of the Playa Linda and they love Aruba very much because of the friendly people, the weather, the

beaches and the restaurants. They say Aruba feels like a second home to them, where the people are like family, and that Playa Linda is like their 'home away from home.'

The certificates were presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Ms. Yvette Tromp representing the Playa Linda Beach Resort. □







## Kicking Off Monday, September 28: Preparations Set for 'Eat Local Aruba Restaurant Week'

**ORANJESTAD** - Starting Monday, September 28 and lasting through October 9 2015, the 'One Happy Island' of Aruba invites guests to explore local culinary delights during the Eat Local Aruba Restaurant

Week. Restaurants that already feature local menus are adding on specials and accenting on the local flavors. Carolina Merryweather-Raven, manager of Driftwood Restaurant says that

"dig deep in their pockets." Restaurants that already feature local menus are adding on specials and accenting on the local flavors. Carolina Merryweather-Raven, manager of Driftwood Restaurant says that

"case Aruba's diverse culinary scene and highlight the islands flavors by incorporating locally inspired dishes in the menus of participating restaurants. Visit [www.aruba.com/eatlocal](http://www.aruba.com/eatlocal) to ensure a table at your favorite restaurant!

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Week.

Preparations are in full swing for this culinary event, highlighting authentic Aruban cuisine for two full weeks. The restaurants' prix-fixe meals allow visitors to enjoy local cuisine for a very reasonable price, with lunches costing \$15 and dinners \$30-- \$40.

No passes, tickets or vouchers are required—attending diners can simply visit their favorite participating restaurants throughout the program dates to enjoy the special menu offerings. More than 55 restaurants have already signed up for this new culinary event and are incorporating authentic local dishes in their menu.

Director of Food & Beverage at Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort Dominique Bauduin says the great thing about restaurant week is that "for us, it opens the door for a different audience. People can enjoy the high gastronomic standards of dining at Windows on Aruba without having to

their seafood restaurant "already features a lot of local dishes, but during the 'Eat Local Aruba Restaurant



## Celebrity Chef Ruth Van Waerebeek to Join the 'Iron Chef Aruba' Judge Panel

**ORANJESTAD** - The much-anticipated Iron Chef Aruba competition produced by Island Temptations magazine and being held on October 8th during the Aruba Tourism Authority's first annual Restaurant Week, will be judged by hospitality professionals, including celebrity chef Ruth Van Waerebeek.

The dynamic Belgium chef is the author of several critically acclaimed cookbooks, and has been featured in Gourmet and Food & Wine magazines. For the past 15 years, Chef Ruth has been the brand ambassador and house chef for Chile's famed Concha y Toro Winery, representing the vineyard at major company events in Europe, the United States, Asia, and Latin America. The chef also oversees the Mapuyampay Hostal Gastronomico & Cooking School in Chile's wine country.

This year's Iron Chef Aruba will take place at The Alhambra Ballroom on Thursday, October 8th. The competition will feature three of Aruba's top chefs vying for the title won two years ago by Chef Urvin-Croes from White Modern Cuisine and The Kitchen Table by White. In addition, three of Aruba's best bartenders go head-to-head in the Bartenders Brawl, being held during the cocktail hour preceding the live, onstage chef competition that will have a challenging mystery basket component.

Guests attending Island Temptations' Iron Chef Aruba will enjoy sampling cocktails from the Bartenders Brawl prior to dinner, followed by a gourmet four-course dinner paired with wine from Aruba's leading spirit distributors, Romar Trading, PepiaEst, and Arion Wine Company.

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**ORANJESTAD** - Valerie Bielik and Randy Draeger from Ogden, Utah, staying at the Marriott got engaged on September 22 in the Little Switzerland store at Royal plaza. We wish them the best of the best in their future together! □







Jason Day of Australia, pumps his fist after making birdie on the 18th hole during the third round of the BMW Championship golf tournament at Conway Farms Golf Club, Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015, in Lake Forest, Ill.

Associated Press

## Vote could reflect how players perceive

**DOUG FERGUSON**  
AP Golf Writer

**ATLANTA (AP)** — PGA Tour players might be voting on more than just their player of the year.

Depending on how the Tour Championship unfolds this week at East Lake, the vote could also be a referendum on how they view the FedEx Cup.

No one thought this would even be a contest a month ago when the most significant part of the golf schedule ended at the PGA Championship. Even with Jason Day finally breaking through for his first major title, this year was all about Jordan Spieth.

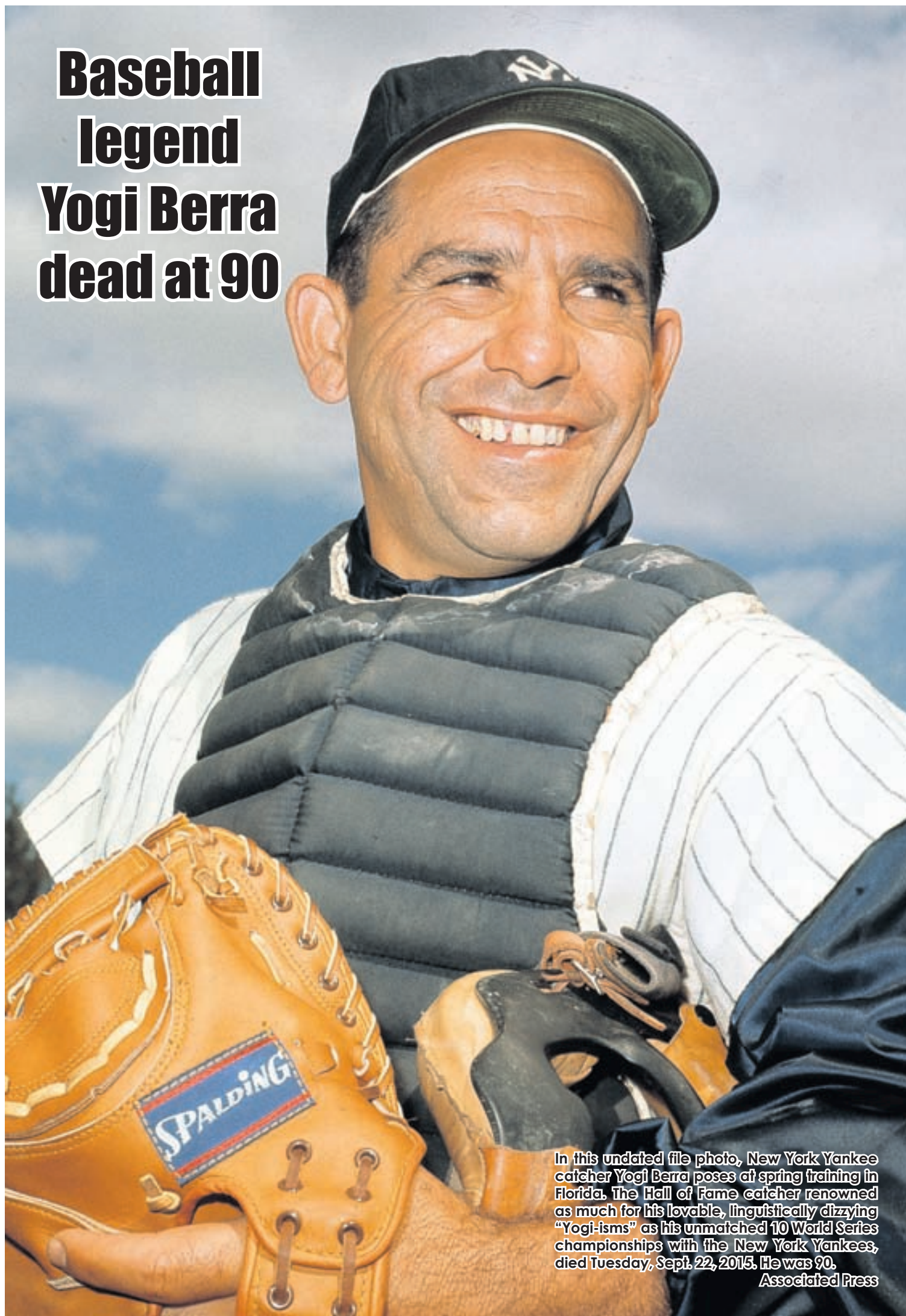
The 22-year-old Texan won the Masters and U.S. Open among his four PGA Tour titles. He missed the British Open playoff by one shot and played in the final group at Whistling Straits, where he was unable to make up a two-shot deficit against Day at the PGA Championship.

The only debate was where Spieth's season ranked in PGA Tour history.

But that was the last great moment for Spieth.

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## Baseball legend Yogi Berra dead at 90



In this undated file photo, New York Yankee catcher Yogi Berra poses at spring training in Florida. The Hall of Fame catcher renowned as much for his lovable, linguistically dizzying "Yogi-isms" as his unmatched 10 World Series championships with the New York Yankees, died Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015. He was 90.

Associated Press



# Cowboys get Cassel from Bills with Romo out at least 7 games

SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

**IRVING, Texas (AP)** — Matt Cassel is headed to Dallas in a trade as the Cowboys try to bolster their depth at quarterback while Tony Romo is sidelined at least seven games because of a broken left collarbone. The Cowboys acquired Cassel from Buffalo on Tuesday, sending a fifth-round NFL draft pick in 2017 to the Bills and getting their seventh-round pick that year.

Both teams announced the trade, and two people familiar with the deal told The Associated Press about the draft picks involved

because the rounds of the picks weren't disclosed. Brandon Weeden is expected to start for Dallas on Sunday against Arizona, but Cassel is a veteran with far more experience than the fourth-year pro. He has 71 starts in 90 games over 11 seasons, not counting the opener this year when he took the first snap for the Bills. The Cowboys (2-0) traded for the 33-year-old Cassel a few hours after putting Romo on the injured list. Romo was injured in last weekend's 20-10 win at Philadelphia, and the earliest he can return to the team is Nov. 22 at Miami. Weeden, who turns 32



In this Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015, file photo, Buffalo Bills quarterback Matt Cassel (16) runs against the Pittsburgh Steelers during the first half of a preseason NFL football game in Orchard Park, N.Y. Associated Press

next month, has lost eight straight games as a starter, including last year against

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## FedEx Cup

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And it was just the start for the 27-year-old Australian. Day began to overpower players and courses. He set a major championship record to par (20 under) at Whistling Straits. He followed that with a six-shot victory at The Barclays, and then opened with rounds of 63-61 to blow away the field at Conway Farms for a six-shot victory in the BMW Championship. That was his fifth win of the year — one more than Spieth — and Day went to No. 1 in the world ranking. "I still think it's him," Day said on Sunday. "But I'm hoping that I can go and win next week and get people talking about it a lot more."

The ballots will be emailed to PGA Tour players on Sunday night after the Tour Championship following what amounts to the last campaign stop at East Lake.

A victory for Day would give him six wins and a major.

To put that into context, only four other players over the last 40 years have won six times in one season on the PGA Tour — Tom Watson (1980), Nick Price (1994), Vijay Singh (2004) and Tiger Woods (six times). If he were to win, then it really would be a tale of two seasons.

Spieth dominated the important part of the year. Day thrived during the bonus time of the year.

The FedEx Cup is not hit-and-giggle. It starts with the top 125 players on the PGA Tour and, with the value of points quadrupled, whittles the field down to the top 30 at the Tour Championship who all have a mathematical shot at the \$10 million bonus. A vote for Day might indicate how much



Jason Day, left, of Australia, talks with Jordan Spieth on the 10th green, during the first round of the BMW Championship golf tournament at Conway Farms Golf Club, Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015, in Lake Forest, Ill.

Associated Press

importance players put on the tour's postseason.

The whole debate starts with the assumption Day will win the Tour Championship, and the rate he's been going, that's not a stretch.

Rickie Fowler said his main criteria would be victories, though not just any title. "Majors. Majors are big," he said. "With what Jordan's done this year, it's pretty amazing. Jason is making his late charge, so he's not making it any easier on the voting side of it."

Henrik Stenson won't decide until after the Tour

Championship, although the Swede did make one prediction that was fairly safe.

"Someone with the first letter of 'J' will win it," he said. More than just the 30 players gathered at East Lake are voting. Ballots go to 200-plus members, some of whom didn't even keep their cards, much less find their way to New Jersey for the start of the FedEx Cup. Do they look at how Day closed the gap during the most lucrative time of the year — \$8.5 million purses against some of the strongest fields of the year in a

chase for a \$10 million bonus — or what Spieth did during the four events that are the fabric of golf history?

Spieth was only the fourth player to capture the first two legs of the modern Grand Slam, and he was tied for the lead through 70 holes at St. Andrews until a bogey on No. 17.

Only three other players in 58 years of stroke play at the PGA Championship finished more under par than Spieth at Whistling Straits. One of them happened to be Day.

Spieth already has clinched the money title even if Day were to win the Tour Championship. And while Day is not far behind, Spieth still has the lead in the Vardon Trophy for the lowest adjusted scoring average. History would seem to favor Spieth.

Since the Jack Nicklaus Award for the player of the year began in 1990, only one player won two majors in the same season without getting the award. That was Nick Faldo in 1990 and he wasn't on the ballot because he wasn't a PGA Tour member. □



## AL Capsules

# Yankees beat Blue Jays to inch closer to AL East title

**The Associated Press**

**TORONTO (AP)** — Greg Bird hit a three-run homer in the 10th inning and the New York Yankees beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-4 Tuesday night to move closer in the AL East pennant race.

Bird connected off reliever Mark Lowe (1-3) for the rookie's 10th home run in 34 games and third in the past three nights.

Brian McCann led off the 10th with a bunt single and was replaced by pinch-runner Rico Noel. Slade Heathcott reached on catcher's interference before Bird drove a 2-2 pitch into the right-field bullpen. Six of his 10 homers have given the Yankees a lead.

Andrew Miller (3-2) pitched two innings for the win and New York closed within 2 1/2 games of first-place Toronto. The teams meet for the final time this season Wednesday night.

ANGELS 4, ASTROS 3

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Mike Trout and Albert Pujols hit back-to-back homers in the first inning and the Angels held on for an important victory over the Astros.

The victory moves the Angels 2 1-2 games behind Houston for the second American League wild-card spot.

There was one on in the first when Trout launched his 40th homer into left-center to make it 2-0. The 36th



**New York Yankees' Greg Bird, right, watches his three-run home run as Toronto Blue Jays catcher Dioner Navarro looks on during the tenth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015, in Toronto. New York won 6-4.**  
**Associated Press**

home run this season by Pujols extended the lead to 3-0.

Houston cut the lead to 1 when Marwin Gonzalez and Chris Carter hit consecutive solo shots in the second inning.

The Angels added an insurance run on an RBI single by Kole Calhoun in the eighth to help them snap a six-game losing streak in Houston.

Hector Santiago (9-9) allowed four hits and two runs in five-plus innings.

**ORIOLES 4, NATIONALS 1**  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Ubaldo Jimenez pitched six gritty innings to earn his 100th

career win and added an RBI single as the Orioles beat the Nationals in the rain-delayed opener of a series between teams fighting to remain in the playoff race.

The 31-year-old Jimenez (12-9) won his third straight decision for Baltimore, which began the night trailing three teams and six games back for the AL's second wild card.

The Nationals remained 6 1-2 games back of the Mets, who lost to Atlanta, in the NL East division. But New York's magic number to clinch the division dropped to six.

Bryce Harper set the Nationals record for walks, getting three free passes that upped his season total to 118.

Jimenez walked five, but allowed just an unearned run on three hits while also striking out five.

Monday's opener was postponed by rain. The teams are scheduled to play a makeup game Thursday.

**RANGERS 8, ATHLETICS 6**  
**OAKLAND, California (AP)** — Delino DeShields hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the sixth four batters after Mitch Moreland connected for a tying two-run homer, and the Rangers beat the

Athletics to increase their lead in the AL West. Chi Chi Gonzalez (4-5) pitched two scoreless innings for the win in relief of starter Martin Perez as the Rangers moved two games ahead of Houston after the Astros lost 4-3 at home to the Angels. DeShields hit another sacrifice fly in the eighth, while Shin-Soo Choo and Adrian Beltre hit consecutive sacrifice flies in the fifth to aid the Texas comeback.

Jake Smolinski and Marcus Semien hit back-to-back RBI triples in the second to give the A's 40 on the season, tying the Oakland record set in 1968.

**TIGERS 2, WHITE SOX 1, 10** innings

**DETROIT (AP)** — Rajai Davis' two-out triple in the 10th gave Detroit a victory over the White Sox, one inning after the Tigers lost a combined no-hitter.

Anthony Gose drew a two-out walk from Zach Duke (3-6) in the 10th. Davis sliced a 3-1 fastball into the corner in right field and Gose easily beat Trayce Thompson's throw to the plate.

Blaine Hardy (5-3) got the win with a scoreless 10th.

The Tigers were two outs away from the first combined no-hitter in club history, but Neftali Feliz, making his debut as the Tigers' closer after Bruce Rondon was sent home earlier in the day, couldn't finish it. □



**Minnesota Lynx's Rebekkah Brunson (32) and Maya Moore (23) react to a foul call against the Los Angeles Sparks during the second half of Game 3 of a WNBA basketball Western Conference semifinal series, Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015, in Minneapolis. The Lynx won 91-80.**  
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The New York Liberty and Minnesota Lynx are mov-

ing on in the WNBA playoffs after both won decisive Game 3s in the conference

semifinals on Tuesday. Tina Charles scored 22 points and Sugar Rodgers added 20 to help the top-seeded Liberty beat the Washington Mystics 79-74 and advance to the Eastern Conference finals for the first time since 2010.

In the West, Maya Moore had 20 points and eight rebounds to help the balanced Lynx reach the conference finals by defeating the Los Angeles Sparks 91-80.

The Liberty trailed 72-71

with 1:46 left when Kiah Stokes hit a layup off a nifty assist from Rodgers. After a steal on the other end by Rodgers, she hit a layup with 58 seconds left to give New York a three-point lead.

Epiphanny Prince then hit a 15-footer with 20 seconds left, and Ivory Latta's 3-pointer was blocked with 5 seconds remaining as New York held on for the win. Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals against Indiana will be Wednesday

because the Pope is coming to New York and will be at Madison Square Gardens on Friday.

Moore was just 6 for 21 from the floor, but Seimone Augustus added 16 points and Deveraux Peters scored 12 big points off the bench to push the top-seeded Lynx into their fifth straight conference finals. They will play Phoenix, which swept Tulsa in the other semifinal. Game 1 is on Thursday night in Minnesota. □

## WNBA Playoff

# Liberty, Lynx advance to conference finals in playoffs



## NL Capsules

# Arrieta wins 20th game, Cubs beat Brewers 4-0

### CUBS 4, BREWERS 0

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Jake Arrieta threw a three-hitter to become the first pitcher in the major leagues to reach 20 wins, Kris Bryant set the Cubs rookie record for home runs and Chicago inched closer to a playoff berth with a victory over the Brewers.

Arrieta (20-6) struck out 11 for Chicago, whose magic number for making its first postseason in seven years dropped to three. The right-hander retired 14 in a row at one point in becoming the first Cubs pitcher to win 20 games since Jon Lieber in 2001.

Bryant, whose April 17 debut was one of the most anticipated in years, hit a two-run homer in the third off Tyler Cravy (0-8) to give Chicago a 2-0 lead. It was Bryant's 26th longball, besting Billy Williams' mark in 1961. Bryant added a run-scoring double in the eighth.

### PIRATES 6, ROCKIES 3

**DENVER (AP)** — Starling Marte drove in two runs and the Pirates closed in on their third straight playoff berth by beating the Rockies.

The Pirates reduced their magic number to one for securing at least an NL wild card. A win Wednesday against the Rockies would clinch another trip to the postseason.

Pittsburgh also kept pace with NL Central leader St. Louis. The Cardinals beat Cincinnati to maintain a four-game lead over the second-place Pirates.

Pittsburgh scored in each of the first four innings against Chris Rusin to build a 6-3 lead.

### BRAVES 6, METS 2

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Rookie right-hander Matt Wisler stopped his nine-start winless drought and the Braves stalled the Mets' push toward the NL East title.

David Wright homered as the Mets lost for the fifth

time in seven games. They held their 6 1/2-game lead over Washington.

Down 4-1, the Mets loaded the bases with one out in the eighth. Edwin Jackson, Atlanta's fourth pitcher of the inning, gave up a sacrifice fly to pinch-hitter Michael Cuddyer and got Wilmer Flores on a ground-er to protect the lead.

Pinch-hitter Adonis Garcia lined a two-out, two-run double in the ninth off Mets reliever Tyler Clippard.

### GIANTS 4, PADRES 2

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — Rookie Trevor Brown's RBI double was his first major league hit and Angel Pagan had a two-run home run for the Giants, who beat the Padres to pull within six games of first-place Los Angeles in the NL West.

Time's running out for the defending World Series champion Giants, who have only 12 games left. They trail the Chicago Cubs by 9 1-2 games for the second wild card spot. The Giants have beaten the Padres six straight times and eight of nine.

San Diego's Tyson Ross (10-11) struck out 11 to tie his career high. That gave him a career-high 205 for the season. His previous high was 195 last year.

Brown got the start after catcher Buster Posey was a late scratch.

### DIAMONDBACKS 8, DODGERS 0

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Robbie Ray pitched six innings of three-hit ball, A.J. Pollock and Paul Goldschmidt hit back-to-back homers in the seventh, and the Diamondbacks beat the Dodgers.

The Dodgers lost their fourth straight game, equaling their longest slide of the season, but they remain six games ahead of the Giants in first place in the NL West. The Diamondbacks have won the first two games of this four-game series after losing their previous nine at

Dodger Stadium. But the Dodgers have aces for the next two — major league ERA leader Zack Greinke on Wednesday and reigning NL Most Valuable Player Clayton Kershaw on Thursday.

Ray (5-12) struck out seven, walked two and escaped a bases-loaded jam in the first inning.

### PHILLIES 6, MARLINS 2

**MIAMI (AP)** — Cody Asche hit two home runs to help Aaron Harang get his first victory in over a month as the Phillies beat the Marlins. It was Harang's first win since July 30 against Atlanta, a span of eight starts. Harang (6-15) pitched seven innings, allowing two runs and seven hits.

Darin Ruf homered and Freddy Galvis had three hits and drove in two runs for the Phillies, who announced before the game that Pete Mackanin would be their manager for the 2016 season, dropping the interim title he had since taking over for Ryne Sandberg on June 26.

Marlins starter Tom Koehler (10-14) allowed four runs, three earned, in five innings.

Miguel Rojas hit a two-run homer for the Marlins. Rojas is hitting .343 (12 for 35) over his last 11 games.

### CARDINALS 3, REDS 1

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — John Lackey pitched seven strong innings, rookie Tommy Pham continued his productive hitting and the Cardinals beat the Reds.

Lackey (13-9) allowed only a first-inning homer by Jay Bruce during his 16th quality start in 16 outings at Busch Stadium. The veteran right-hander struck out seven, walked none and lowered his home ERA to 1.97.

St. Louis improved to an MLB-best 95-56 with its second straight low-scoring victory over Cincinnati. Steve Cishek worked the ninth to earn his first save for St. Louis. □



Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Jake Arrieta delivers during the first inning of a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers, Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015, in Chicago.

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# Yankees Hall of Fame catcher Yogi Berra dies at 90

**MIKE STEWART**  
**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Yogi Berra, the Hall of Fame catcher renowned as much for his dizzying malapropisms as his record 10 World Series championships with the New York Yankees, has died. He was 90.

Berra died of natural causes Tuesday at his home in New Jersey, according to Dave Kaplan, the director of the Yogi Berra Museum.

"While we mourn the loss of our father, grandfather and great-grandfather, we know he is at peace with Mom," Berra's family said in a statement released by the museum.

"We celebrate his remarkable life, and are thankful he meant so much to so many. He will truly be missed."

Short, squat and with a homely face, Berra was a legendary Yankee who helped the team reach 14 World Series during his 18 seasons in the Bronx.

Berra played in more World Series games than any other Major League Baseball player, and was a three-time American League Most Valuable Player.

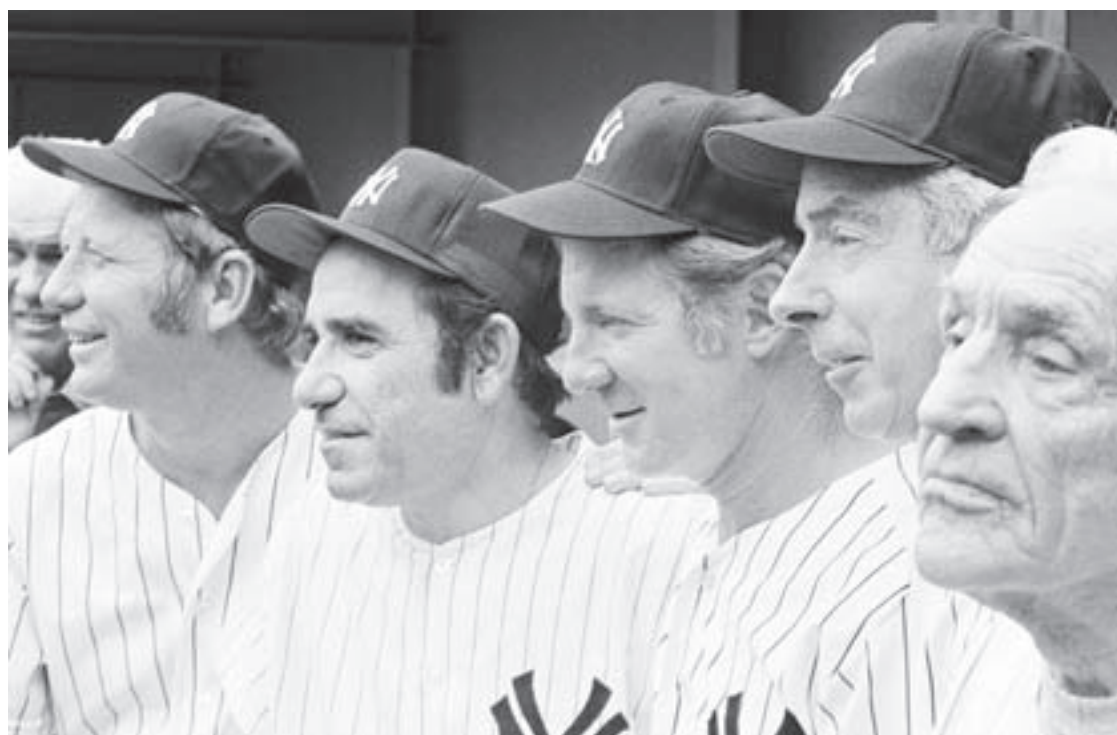
But his name appears almost as often in Bartlett's Famous Quotations as it does in baseball's record book. "It ain't over 'til it's over" is among eight "Yogisms" included in Bartlett's. "When I'm sittin' down to dinner with the family, stuff just pops out. And they'll say, 'Dad, you just said another one.'"

And I don't even know what the heck I said," Berra insisted.

Berra played for the Yankees from 1949-65. His teammates included fellow Hall of Famers Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle and Whitey Ford.

In 1956, he caught the only perfect game in World Series history and after the last out leaped into pitcher Don Larsen's arms. The famous moment was captured in photographs published in newspapers around the world.

After his playing days, Berra coached or managed



**In this March 6, 2008, file photo, New York Yankees hall of fame catcher Yogi Berra watches spring training baseball action against the Cincinnati Reds in Sarasota, Fla.**

**Associated Press**

the Yankees, New York Mets and Houston Astros. He led both the Yankees and Mets to pennants.

In 1985, his firing as manager by the Yankees 16 games into the season sparked a feud with owner George Steinbrenner. Berra vowed never to return to Yankee Stadium as long as Steinbrenner owned the team.

But in 1999, Berra finally relented, throwing out the ceremonial first pitch of the Yankees' season-opening game.

Berra, the son of Italian immigrants, got his nickname while growing up in St. Louis. Among his amateur baseball teammates was Jack McGuire, another future MLB player.

"Some of us went to a movie with a yogi in it and afterwards Jack began calling me Yogi. It stuck," Berra told the Saturday Evening Post.

He was a fan favorite, especially with children, and the cartoon character Yogi Bear was named after him.

Berra, who played in 15 straight MLB All-Star Games, never earned more than \$65,000 a season.

Growing up, he was anything but a natural.

Chunky and slow, Berra was rejected by his hometown St. Louis Cardinals after a tryout in 1943. But a



**In this Aug. 3, 1974, file photo, New York Yankees greats, from left, Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra, Whitey Ford, Joe DiMaggio and Casey Stengel gather on the steps of Shea Stadium in New York before an Old Timer's game.**

**Associated Press**

Yankee scout recognized his potential and signed him.

He reached the major leagues late in the 1946 season and homered in his first at-bat. The next year, he continued to hit well, but his throwing was so erratic he was shifted to the outfield, then benched.

His breakthrough season came in 1948, when he hit .315 with 14 homers and 98 RBIs while continuing to improve his fielding. In 1949,

he compiled a .989 fielding percentage and did not make an error in the All-Star Game or World Series.

"I don't care who the hitter is," New York manager Casey Stengel told the New York Journal-American. "(Berra) knows just how he should be pitched to."

Berra was AL Most Valuable Player in 1951, 1954 and 1955. He holds World Series records for most hits (71) and most games (75).

He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1972.

"You never think of that when you're a kid," Berra said. "But egads, you gotta be somethin' to get in."

Lawrence Peter Berra was born in St. Louis on May 12, 1925, the son of Pietro, a laborer in a brickyard, and Pauline Berra. He grew up in "The Hill," or Italian district, with three older brothers and a younger sister. Berra was forced to drop out of school in the eighth grade and go to work to help support his family. He took jobs in a coal yard, as a truck driver and in a shoe factory.

He continued to play amateur baseball, which brought him to the attention of major league scouts.

In 1943, his first professional season with the Yankees' farm team in Norfolk, Virginia, was interrupted by World War II. He joined the Navy and later served on a gunboat supporting the D-Day invasion.

Berra married his wife, Carmen, in 1949. The couple, who met in St. Louis, had three sons, including Dale Berra, who played in the major leagues as an infielder.

Berra published three books: his autobiography in 1961, "It Ain't Over ..." in 1989 and "The Yogi Book: I Really Didn't Say Everything I Said" in 1998. The last made The New York Times' best seller list.

In 1996, Berra was awarded an honorary doctorate from the state university in Montclair, New Jersey, where he and his family lived.

The university also named its baseball stadium for Berra. The adjoining Yogi Berra Museum opened in 1998.

The museum houses Berra memorabilia, including what he said was his most prized possession, the mitt he used to catch Larsen's perfect game.

His wife once asked Berra where he wanted to be buried, in St. Louis, New York or Montclair.

"I don't know," he said. "Why don't you surprise me?" □



# Ad blockers rise as ads annoy, bog down websites

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**AP Business Writer**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — When you visit a website, you often find yourself waiting and waiting for advertisements to load. Video starts playing automatically, and animated ads jump in front of what you were there to see. The seconds tick by. It doesn't have to be this way.

There are easy ways to block such annoyances, and Apple is now permitting apps that block ads in its Web browser for iPhones and iPads.

All this might help users navigate, but it also threatens the livelihood of websites and publishers that depend heavily on advertising revenue — companies like Google, Hulu and The New York Times. While the rise in ad blocking isn't causing panic yet, publishers and content creators are watching.

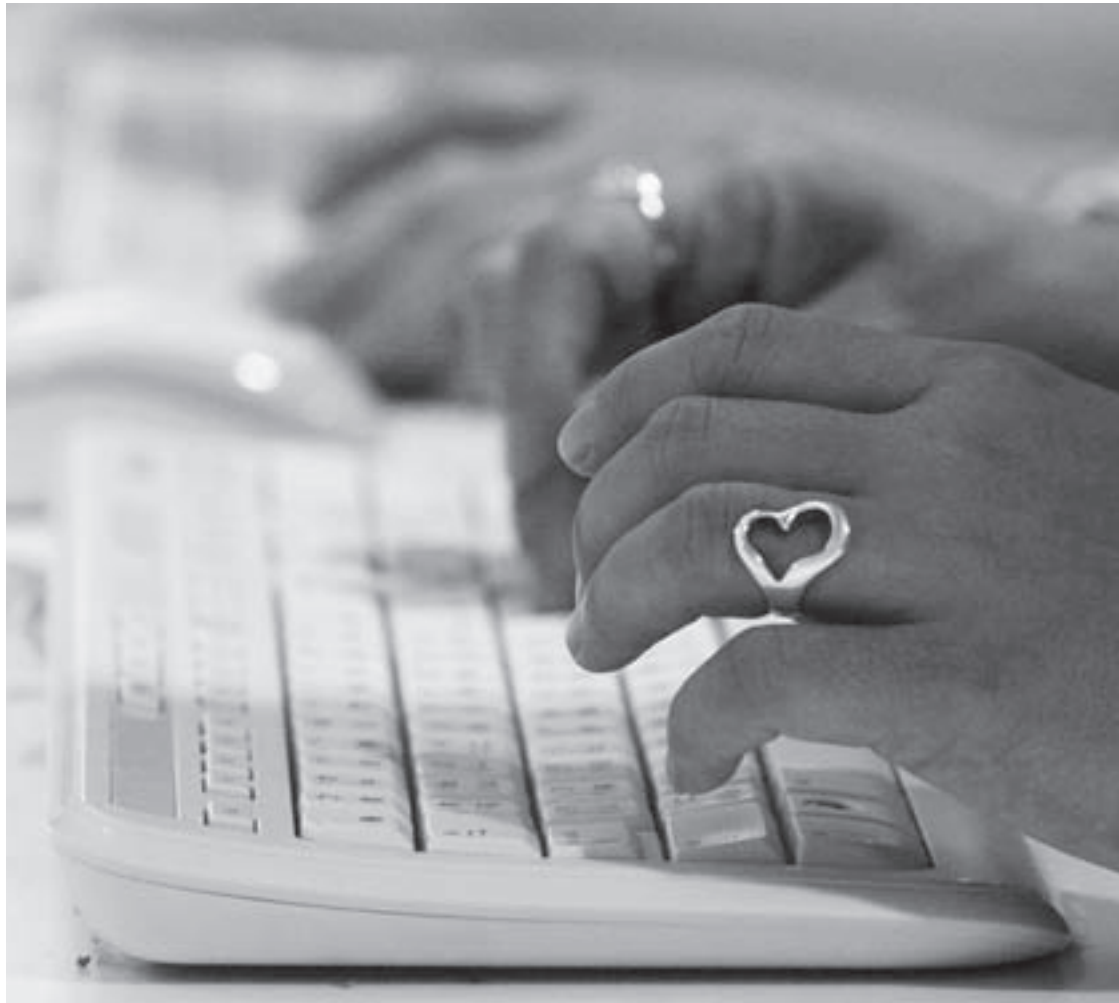
Already, some websites are taking steps to reduce the annoyance so users won't turn to ad blockers. They are also subverting the ones out there to make sure they get paid for delivering news and entertainment.

"It is possible to be too alarmist about ad blockers, but it's a very real phenomenon," said Joshua Benton, director of the Nieman Journalism Lab at Harvard University.

It's one thing if just 5 percent of iPhone users install an ad blocker; it's another if 80 percent do, Benton said. If today's ad practices get too annoying, he said, they could disappear just like pop-up windows, which many browsers now block automatically in response to consumers' annoyance with them.

Over the years, websites have been more aggressive at delivering ads that break through the noise and target specific customers more precisely. But websites are also filling unsold ad space by turning to ad brokers to deliver pitches that are less and less relevant.

Every little bit can slow



In this June 16, 2013 file photo, Internet users browse at underground station in Hong Kong. Associated Press

down or freeze your browser.

"I think publishers got very out of hand in terms of what they put on," said Dean Murphy, 28, a Yarm, England, app developer who responded by creating Crystal, a \$1 ad blocker for Apple devices.

Craig Smith, a 47-year-old website developer in Musselburgh, Scotland, said Twitter started showing him ads for adjustable waistband trousers not long after he and his followers discussed about how ridiculous his grandfather's trousers looked in a photo.

"All of a sudden you're getting hammered with stuff you've got no interest in," he said. "It just makes the whole browsing experience really unpleasant."

PageFair, a firm that seeks to counter ad blockers, says worldwide usage of ad blockers grew 41 percent from last year to nearly 200 million people. That's 6 percent of Internet users worldwide, including 16 percent in the U.S., 37 percent in Greece and 25 per-

cent in Germany. PageFair estimates these tools will block nearly \$22 billion in ad revenue this year and \$41 billion next year.

The threats to websites are about to get bigger. The ability to block ads, long available on traditional computers, arrived on Apple's mobile devices with a recent software update, iOS 9. Apps with these capabilities — going by such names as Purify Blocker and Blockr — quickly became top sellers. These tools affect only the Safari browser and won't block ads inside apps such as Twitter, Facebook and Apple's own News app.

Google's Android system also allows ad blockers in Web browsers such as Firefox, as long as they don't affect unrelated apps.

Many websites already have countermeasures for ad blockers.

Hulu, for instance, simply replaces commercials with an unskippable message prompting you to turn your ad blocker off. Or, you can

pay Hulu \$12 a month to go ad-free.

Meanwhile, some companies are paying developers of ad blockers such as Adblock Plus for the right to bypass them. Companies that benefit a lot from search ads, like Google and Microsoft, pay for the privilege, the Financial Times reported. Microsoft declined to confirm the report. Google didn't respond to requests for comment, although the list of Web addresses that get a pass includes many from Google. Hulu declined comment.

All this raises questions about the role of ad-blocking companies. Ad blockers streamline the user experience without contributing back to the digital economy, even as they seek to make money by charging websites for the right to nullify their impact. Smaller websites can get a free pass from ad blockers, but only if they forego revenue from video ads or other display ads deemed intrusive.

Perhaps there's another way — a truce, of sorts. Some companies are trying to create a smoother experience to get at the root cause of consumer frustration.

Apple's News app, Facebook's Instant Articles and Snapchat's Discover all seek to speed up online journalism and cut back advertising, while sharing revenue with news outlets. The New York Times has ads in Apple News, but it's looking for ways to make them less obtrusive. For instance, the Times says it's selling ads by time of day and encouraging marketers to tailor their messages accordingly, like making ads that help readers prepare for the day in the morning, but entertain them at night.

The Washington Post has been testing whether visitors with ad blockers installed would respond to being redirected to a page that asks them to pay for a subscription. And on Tuesday, the Post said all of its articles will be available through Facebook's new service for "lightning-fast" reading, sharing and commenting from Apple devices.

"The market wouldn't be robust for ad blockers if some ads weren't intrusive, creepy, hold you hostage or slow down your experience," said Jed Hartman, the Post's chief revenue officer. "Everything should be on the table: fewer ads, different types of ads, no ads."

Meanwhile, the industry group Interactive Advertising Bureau is pushing for "viewable" ads that load only when that part of the page is visible. That way, marketers don't pay for ads that aren't seen, and sites should load faster.

Randall Rothenberg, the group's CEO, called ad-blocking practices "definitely immoral and unethical," yet he acknowledged that consumers turn to blockers because they are fed up.

"Consumers are speaking and you've got to listen to them," he said. □



# Materials and energy stocks slide on China growth worries

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**AP Business Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Another slide in raw-material producers and oil companies tugged the stock market to a slight loss on Wednesday, amid heightened concerns about global economic growth. Dow Chemical and Chevron each lost 2 percent.

The news out Wednesday was hardly encouraging. A private measure of manufacturing in China hit its lowest level in six years, a result of weaker factory production, overall new orders and hiring.

That, along with plunging oil prices, could have led to a much bigger sell-off, said Jim Paulsen, chief investment strategist at Wells Capital Management. But that's hardly encouraging for investors looking for a signal that the worst is over. The market has finished lower in four of the past five days.

"I'm sure there are a lot of buyers on the sidelines," he said, "but right now it doesn't seem like a very good time to buy."

The major indexes headed higher at the outset of trading Wednesday, took a

sharp turn lower just before lunchtime, then climbed back almost to breakeven in the afternoon. By the closing bell, the stock market wound up just shy of where it started.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index gave up 3.98 points, or 0.2 percent, to finish the day at 1,938.76.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 50.58 points, or 0.3 percent, to 16,279.89, and the Nasdaq composite fell 3.98 points, or 0.1 percent, to 4,752.74.

Mounting concerns about slowing global economic growth and the timing of the Federal Reserve's first interest-rate hike in nearly a decade has battered markets recently. The S&P 500, the most widely used measure of U.S. investments, has lost more than 8 percent in three months. Anthony Valeri, a market strategist at LPL Financial, said he thinks the choppy trading will likely continue until next week, when a batch of major U.S. economic reports come out. The government releases its monthly look at the job market next Friday.

In other news, Volkswagen's CEO stepped down



**Traders Robert Arciero left, and Timothy Nick work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Another slide in raw-material producers and oil companies tugged the stock market to a slight loss on Wednesday, amid heightened concerns about global economic growth.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Wednesday, taking responsibility for a growing scandal. His resignation followed the German carmaker's admission that it rigged software in its cars to pass U.S. emission tests. In a statement, Martin Winterkorn said he was "not aware of any wrongdoing on my part." U.S.-listed shares of Volkswagen surged \$1.66, or 7 percent, to \$27.10.

Major indexes in Europe recovered a portion of their steep losses from the day before. Germany's DAX finished with a gain of 0.4 percent, while France's CAC 40 picked up 0.1 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 gained 1.6 percent.

Evidence of slowing economic growth hit markets across Asia. China's Shanghai Composite Index dropped 2.2 percent, while

Hong Kong's Hang Seng sank 2.3 percent. South Korea's Kospi fell 1.9 percent, and Australia's S&P/ASX 200 lost 2.1 percent. Japan's stock market remains closed until Thursday for public holidays.

Back in the U.S., bond prices fell, nudging the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note to 2.15 percent from 2.13 percent the day before. □

# China inks deals worth \$38 billion to buy 300 Boeing jets

**HONG KONG (AP)** — Boeing said Wednesday that Chinese companies have agreed to buy 300 jets and build an aircraft assembly plant in China. The deals, worth about \$38 billion, were signed during Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit to the United States.

China Aviation Supplies Holding Company, ICBC Financial Leasing and China Development Bank Leasing inked the jet purchase agreement after Xi's arrival in Seattle. Boeing said the orders were mostly for its 737 models.

State-owned Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China, which is better known as Comac, also signed a cooperation agreement with the U.S. plane maker to build a 737 aircraft assembly center in China. Boeing said



**A Boeing 787-9 takes off at Paine Field in Everett, Wash. Chinese companies have agreed with Boeing to buy 300 jets and build an aircraft assembly plant in China in deals signed during President Xi Jinping's visit to the United States, the official Xinhua news agency said Wednesday.**

(AP Photo/Elaine Thompson)

the new facility will paint the jets and finish their interiors.

Xi visited Boeing's Paine Field assembly plant during the Seattle leg of his trip before moving on to

Washington, D.C., to meet President Barack Obama. The assembly plant would be Boeing's first in China and signals its attempt to match its European rival Airbus's Chinese presence

as the two rivals step up their efforts to win more business in the country's lucrative aircraft market. Boeing said the Chinese facility won't reduce employment levels at its

plants in Washington state. Airbus opened its first assembly line outside of Europe in 2008 with a Tianjin facility that turns out four A320 aircraft per month. In July, Airbus signed a deal for a second completion and delivery center for A330 jets.

Boeing, based in Chicago, sold a record 155 airplanes last year to customers in China, and so far this year, a quarter of its jets have been delivered there. The company predicts that over the next two decades China will overtake the U.S. as the world's biggest plane market with demand for 6,330 new airplanes worth an estimated \$950 billion. Shares of Boeing Co. fell \$2.32, or 1.7 percent, to close at \$131.67 Wednesday. □



## Volkswagen clean-car image dirtied by emissions scandal

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — German engineering may lose some marketing pop after Volkswagen's stunning admission that it rigged emissions tests.

The revelation is particularly damaging since Volkswagen has long pinned its reputation on its technological prowess, with the tagline, "Isn't it time for German engineering?," along with its focus on environmental sustainability.

"Brands are all about trust and it takes years and years to develop," says Nigel Currie, an independent U.K.-based branding consultant. "But in the space of 24 hours, Volkswagen has gone from one people could trust to one people don't know what to think of."

The company apologized and the CEO stepped down, but Volkswagen has yet to explain how the cheating was allowed to occur. The company risks alienating not only fans of the "People's Car," but dealers, the local face of the brand, who feel blindsided by the scandal.

"The most important thing is that VW comes out and tells the public what happened, who was involved and make sure that it doesn't happen again" said Jeremy Robinson-Leon, principal and chief operating officer at New York-based corporate and crisis PR firm Group Gordon.

That communication needs to happen soon, says Michael Jackson, the CEO of AutoNation, the largest auto dealership chain in the U.S. He says VW diesel owners are angry and dealers don't have enough details to share with them. Jackson gives VW a week to explain its actions or he feels the brand value will be damaged.

VW risks losing owners like Peggy Schaeffer, 64, a librarian from Durham, North Carolina. For Schaeffer, her 2010 diesel Jetta Sportswagen was the ideal car, peppy but still environmentally friendly. Now, "I really feel like I've been had. I've been hoodwinked. This is deliberate fraud and deceit," she says. Schaeffer is uncertain what she'll do next.

"I'll watch and wait and see how the company behaves," she says.

Being an environmentally friendly company is in Volkswagen's DNA. Back in the 1960s its first U.S. ads urged people to "Think Small" in an era of gas-guzzling cars. More recently, Volkswagen launched a global "Think Blue" campaign in 2010 with the aim to "become the world's most ecologically sustainable car manufacturer" by 2018.

"They had a brand image that is very straightforward, honest and in recent years dependent on being a leader on environmental standards and pushing those," said Kelly O'Keefe, professor of brand management at the VCU Brandcenter. "Now it appears they've been cheating to get there, which is a devastating revelation."

Recent ads have promoted its "clean diesel" technology, which provides high fuel economy, in its Passat, Jetta, and other cars. One campaign shows older ladies in a Passat bickering about whether diesel fuel is "sluggish" or "stinky." A Jetta ad says the car's engine is "painstakingly engineered without compromise."

The scandal broke Friday in the U.S., and the last "Clean Diesel" ad ran Monday, according to iSpot.tv, which tracks TV ads in real time. Volkswagen appears to have pulled the ads from its YouTube channel, although they remain on some dealer pages and elsewhere on YouTube. □

## Volkswagen CEO Winterkorn steps down

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**PAN PYLAS**

Associated Press

**BERLIN (AP)** — Volkswagen CEO Martin Winterkorn resigned Wednesday, days after admitting that the world's top-selling carmaker had rigged diesel emissions to pass U.S. tests during his tenure.

No replacement was announced, and VW still has no easy exit from a scandal that has suddenly dented a reputation for trustworthiness that took decades to build. The smog-test trickery has wiped out billions in VW's market value and raised the specter of criminal investigations and billions more in fines.



**Volkswagen CEO Martin Winterkorn is seen in Berlin. Winterkorn resigned Wednesday, days after admitting that the world's top-selling carmaker had rigged diesel emissions to pass U.S. tests during his tenure.**

(AP Photo/Markus Schreiber)

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Winterkorn took responsibility for the "irregularities" found by U.S. inspectors in VW's diesel engines, but insisted he had personally done nothing wrong.

"I am doing this in the interests of the company even though I am not aware of any wrongdoing on my part," his statement said. "Volkswagen needs a fresh start ... I am clearing the way for this fresh start with my resignation."

Winterkorn, 68, resigned following a crisis meeting of the Volkswagen supervisory board's executive committee. Its acting chairman, Berthold Huber, said company directors are "resolved to embark with determination on a credible

new beginning."

Huber said a successor will be discussed at a board meeting on Friday that was originally intended to approve extending Winterkorn's contract through 2018.

VW reversed its market slide, closing up 6.9 percent at 118.90 euros. But VW's share price has a long way to go to recoup this week's losses. Nearly 25 billion euros (around \$28 billion) was wiped out in the first two days of trading after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency revealed that VW has been violating the Clean Air Act and could be

departing CEO's "readiness to take responsibility in this difficult situation for Volkswagen."

Stephan Weil, the governor of Lower Saxony state, which holds a 20 percent stake in Volkswagen, said VW is filing a criminal complaint, "because we have the impression that criminally relevant actions may have played a role here."

Weil, also a VW director, promised to "clear up these events with all the possibilities we have inside the company and ensure that those involved are punished severely." The prosecutors' office in Braunsch-

subject to fines of as much as \$18 billion.

Winterkorn, VW's boss since 2007, had come under intense pressure since the EPA's disclosure Friday that stealth software makes VW's 2009-2015 model cars powered by 2.0-liter diesel engines run cleaner during emissions tests than in actual driving.

The EPA accused VW of installing the so-called "defeat device" in 482,000 cars sold in the U.S. VW later acknowledged that similar software exists in 11 million diesel cars worldwide and was setting aside 6.5 billion euros to cover the costs of the scandal.

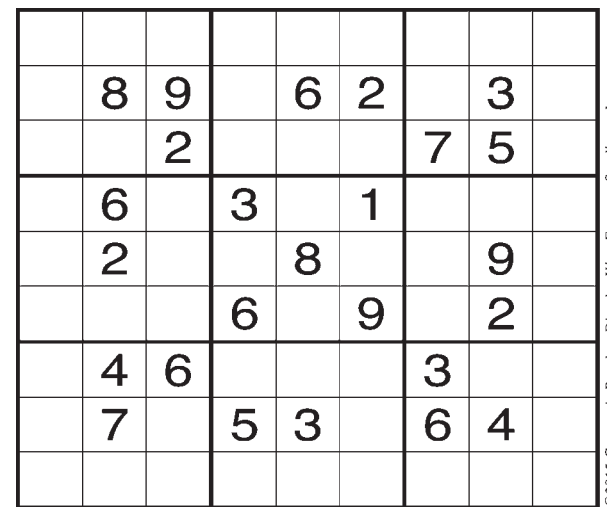
Huber said "Mr. Winterkorn had no knowledge of the manipulation of emission values," and praised the

weig, near VW's Wolfsburg headquarters, confirmed that it is weighing an investigation of VW employees. Other governments from Europe to South Korea have begun their own inquiries, and law firms have already filed class-action suits on behalf of customers.

There is no immediate way of restoring VW's reputation, but only total transparency can resolve the scandal and salvage its brand, said Jeremy Robinson-Leon, chief operating officer at Group Gordon, a New York-based corporate and crisis PR firm. "The most important thing is that VW comes out and tells the public what happened, who was involved and make sure that it doesn't happen again," he said. □



## Conceptis Sudoku



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## Supermoon plus eclipse equals rare sky show Sunday night

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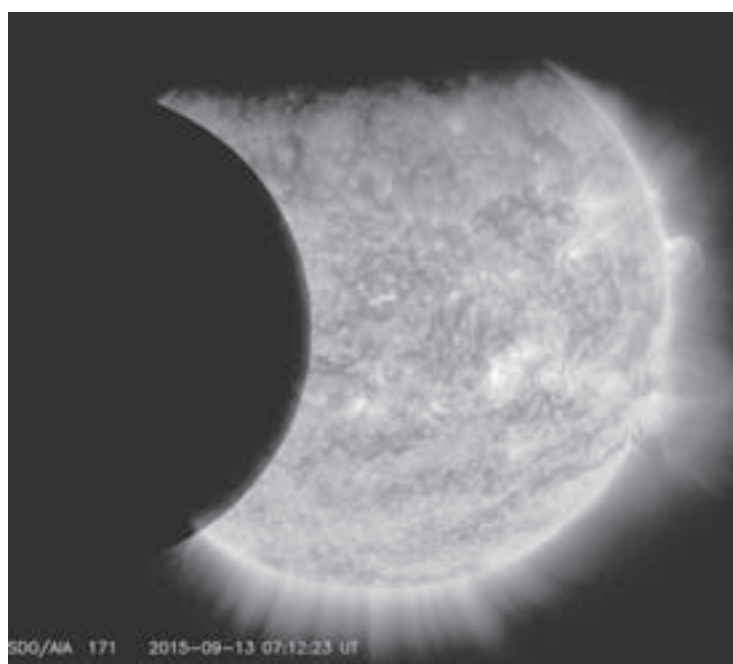
**AP Aerospace Writer**

**CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.** (AP) — Get ready for a rare double feature this weekend, starring our very own moon.

A total lunar eclipse will share the stage with a so-called supermoon Sunday night or early Monday, depending where you are. That combination hasn't been seen since 1982 and won't happen again until 2033.

When a full or new moon makes its closest approach to Earth, that's a supermoon. Although still about 220,000 miles away, this full moon will look bigger and brighter than usual. In fact, it will be the closest full moon of the year, about 30,000 miles closer than the average distance. (The moon's orbit is far from a perfect circle.)

NASA planetary scientist Noah Petro is hoping the celestial event will ignite more interest in the moon.



**This Sept. 13, 2015 image provided by NASA shows the moon, left, and the Earth, top, transiting the sun together, seen from the Solar Dynamics Observatory.**

**Associated Press**

He is deputy project for the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter, or LRO, which has been studying the moon from lunar orbit since 2009. "The moon's a dynamic place," Petro said Wednesday. "We're seeing changes on the surface of the

moon from LRO. We're seeing that it's not this static dead body in the sky ... it's this great astronomical object that we have in our backyard, essentially. So people should get out and start looking at it." Many stargazers, profes-

sional and amateur alike, dislike the term "supermoon," noting the visible difference between a moon and supermoon is slight to all but the most faithful observers.

"It's not like the difference between an ordinary man and Superman," said Alan MacRobert, a senior editor at Sky & Telescope magazine. "It really ought to be called a tiny, slightly little bit bigger moon, rather than the supermoon."

The full eclipse of the moon will last more than an hour and be visible, weather permitting, from North and South America, Europe, Africa and western Asia. Showtime on the U.S. East Coast is 10:11 p.m. EDT (0211 GMT); that's when the moon, Earth and sun will be lined up, with Earth's shadow totally obscuring the moon.

In Europe, the action will unfold before dawn Monday. No matter where, the preshow will begin two

hours earlier.

There won't be another total lunar eclipse until 2018. This weekend's eclipse marks the end of a tetrad, or series of four total lunar eclipses set six months apart. This series began in April 2014.

The 21st century will see eight of these tetrads, an uncommonly good run. From 1600 to 1900, there were none. Observatories are marking the celestial event with public telescope viewing, although magnifying devices won't be necessary; the eclipse will be easily visible with the naked eye. Astronomers are urging stargazers to simply look to the east.

In Los Angeles, Griffith Observatory also will serve up Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" on the piano and other moon-themed music. NASA will provide a live video feed of the entire eclipse — an option in case clouds obscure your own view. □

## Highly endangered Sumatran rhino pregnant with 2nd calf

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)**

— A Sumatran rhinoceros is pregnant with her second calf at an Indonesian sanctuary in the original habitat of the highly endangered species, a government conservation official said Wednesday.

Bambang Dahono Adji, director of biodiversity conservation at Indonesia's Ministry of Environment and Forestry, said the mother, Ratu, is expected to give birth next May at the Way Kambas National Park in southern Sumatra, to join five other rhinos there.

Sumatran rhino pregnancies last about 16 months

and the babies weigh up to 27 kilograms (60 pounds). Ultrasound images indicate Ratu's pregnancy is progressing normally.

"This proves capabilities of our own experts at Way Kambas," Dahono said. "Malaysia's announcement of the extinction of Sumatran rhino there made Indonesia's efforts to save the rhino very important now."

Now 12 years old, Ratu was born in the wild and wandered out of the rainforest in 2005. Her first calf, a male named Andatu born in 2012, was the first Sumatran rhino born in an Asian

breeding facility in more than 140 years.

The father of both calves is Andalas, who was born at the Cincinnati Zoo, later sent to the Los Angeles Zoo, and then moved to Indonesia in 2007 for mating.

Andalas' brother, Harapan, lives at the Cincinnati Zoo, is the only Sumatran rhino abroad and expected to be moved to Indonesia in October.

Their sister Suci was believed to have died there because her diet at the zoo contained too much iron.

"We are proudly announcing the pregnancy of Ratu



**In this June 25, 2012 file photo, female Sumatran rhino named Ratu, right, is seen with her newly-born calf at Way Kambas National Park in Lampung, Indonesia.**

**Associated Press**

at the Sumatra Rhone Sanctuary coinciding with the celebration of World Rhino Day," Environment Minister Siti Nurbaya Bakar said in a statement. World

Rhino Day was Tuesday. She added that "the pregnancy represents decades of international collaboration to save this endangered species." □



## Sales of 'Whitey' Bulger memorabilia rise with film release

**DENISE LAVOIE**

**AP Legal Affairs Writer**

**BOSTON (AP)** — There's a mugshot from Alcatraz, an autographed prison shirt and poker chips featuring his photo.

Memorabilia related to Boston gangster James "Whitey" Bulger is being peddled to coincide with the release of the new Johnny Depp movie on Bulger's life.

"Black Mass" hit theaters last week. Now, Bulger items are all over eBay and sellers are hoping to cash in on the movie's buzz.

Some relatives of Bulger's victims aren't happy about all the hawking.

Patricia Donahue, whose husband was killed by Bulger and an associate in 1982, said she doesn't understand why anyone would want to buy or sell anything that belonged to Bulger.

"People just can't seem to get enough of this man, who's a psychopath," she said.

"You try to make money off a man who has killed ... and the victims' families are still around. I think it's in very bad taste. I think peo-

ple should just let it rest and let it go."

Bulger, now 86, was one of the most notorious gangsters in Boston, running a violent criminal organization from the 1970s into the 1990s after serving time in Alcatraz, among other prisons, for armed robbery and truck hijacking. He fled Boston on the eve of a racketeering indictment in 1995 and remained one of the nation's most wanted fugitives until he was captured in Santa Monica, California, in 2011.

In 2013, he was convicted of participating in 11 killings and a litany of other crimes. He is serving life in prison.

A memorabilia store in Peabody is auctioning off an orange jail-issued shirt supposedly worn by Bulger at the Plymouth County jail. Store owner Phil Castinetti said he has received a \$25,000 bid from a Boston restaurant owner for the shirt. He said he bought the shirt from a former inmate who Bulger befriended in jail.

"Whitey took a liking to him. When the kid got released, he signed it and



This Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2015, provided by Phil Castinetti shows a prison uniform displayed at his memorabilia store in Peabody, Mass., that Castinetti said belonged to convicted New England gangster James "Whitey" Bulger.

Associated Press

gave it to him and told him to get a jumpstart on life, do the right thing, and sell it," Castinetti said.

Plymouth County Sheriff Joseph McDonald Jr. said he doesn't believe the shirt is authentic or was ever worn by Bulger. He said the font of the lettering on the shirt appears different from the font used at the jail. □

## Sofia Vergara thinks 'We're All Mexican' a great concept

**JOHN CARUCCI**

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Sofia Vergara loves the concept of the new Emilio Estefan song "We're All Mexican" because she says it celebrates Latin solidarity.

Estefan, a Cuban-American, wrote the song in response to anti-Mexican and anti-Latino sentiment he believes is becoming more prevalent. The video features Latino celebrities, including Carlos Santana, Eva Longoria and Pitbull.

In an interview Wednesday, Vergara said it's important to raise awareness regarding the accomplishments of Latinos in America.

"I think it's great. I think it's beautiful to unite with people and to fight for a cause and represent a cause," the Colombian star said of

the song. "It's a fun thing to do to come together and help other people."

The "Modern Family" actress noted how things have improved for Latino actors since she first got in the business.

"Twenty years ago I started in Univision, and things have changed a lot. It's easier now to make a crossover. There are so many more opportunities; there are so many more scripts that have been written for Latin people. There's definitely doors opening every day," she said. "We hope that there's more material written for Latin people, but I think we shouldn't complain. Things are getting better."

She made the comments during an interview to pro-



In this Sept. 20, 2015 file photo, Sofia Vergara arrives at the 67th Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

mote the Ninja Coffee Bar, a coffeemaker for which she's a pitchwoman.

"I think I'm a natural because I grew up drinking coffee in Colombia. □

## Amy Schumer memoir scheduled for release late 2016

**HILLEL ITALIE**

**AP National Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Amy Schumer is ready for the next stage of her soaring career: writing a book.

The Emmy Award-winning actress, filmmaker and comedian has a deal with Gallery Books for a memoir scheduled to come out in late 2016.

The publisher told The Associated Press on Wednesday the book is currently untitled and is expected to "offer personal and observational stories from Schumer that range from the raunchy to the romantic, the heartfelt to the harrowing." "Believe it or not, there's actually more I have to say," Schumer, an artist known for telling all, said in a statement released through Gallery.

Financial terms haven't been disclosed, although the deal is believed to be worth well into seven figures since publishers expect Schumer's book will likely enjoy the success of such previous works as Tina Fey's "Bossypants" and Amy Poehler's "Yes



In this Sept. 20, 2015 file photo, Amy Schumer, winner of the award for outstanding variety sketch series for "Inside Amy Schumer", poses in the press room at the 67th Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles. Associated Press

Please." So far this year, the 34-year-old Schumer has had a hit movie, "Trainwreck"; won an Emmy for best sketch comedy series; bonded with Jennifer Lawrence; and opened for Madonna at Madison Square Garden. She will host "Saturday Night Live" later this fall. "Now readers will have the opportunity to meet Amy Schumer as a writer of real talent, a daughter, a sister, and a young professional making her way in the world," Carolyn Reidy, president and CEO of Gallery's parent company Simon & Schuster, said in a statement. □





This July 18, 2013, file photo shows a group of kindergarten children singing Happy Birthday to Nelson Mandela outside the Mediclinic Heart Hospital in Pretoria, South Africa.

Associated Press

## Federal judge rules 'Happy Birthday' song in public domain

**JOHN ROGERS**  
Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The music publishing company that has been collecting royalties on the song "Happy Birthday To You" for years does not hold a valid copyright on the lyrics to the tune that is one of the mostly widely sung in the world, a federal judge ruled Tuesday. U.S. District Judge George H. King determined the song's original copyright, obtained by the Clayton F. Summy Co. from the song's writers, only covered specific piano arrangements of the song and not its lyrics. The basic tune of the song, derived from another popular children's song, "Good Morning to All," has long been in the public domain.

King's decision comes in a lawsuit filed two years ago by Good Morning To You Productions Corp., which is working on a documentary film tentatively titled "Happy Birthday." The company challenged the copyright now held by Warner/Chappell Music Inc., arguing that the song should be "dedicated to public use and in the public domain."

"Because Summy Co. never acquired the rights to the 'Happy Birthday' lyrics, defendants, as Summy

Co.'s purported successors-in-interest, do not own a valid copyright in the Happy Birthday lyrics," King concluded in his 43-page ruling.

The lawsuit also asked for monetary damages and restitution of more than \$5 million in licensing fees it said in 2013 that Warner/Chappell had collected from thousands of people and groups who've paid to use the song over the years.

Marshall Lamm, a spokesman for one of the plaintiffs' lawyers, said that issue would be determined later. In the meantime, one of the suit's co-plaintiffs, Ruypa Marya of the music group Ruypa & The April Fishes, praised Tuesday's decision. "I hope we can start reimagining copyright law to do what it's supposed to do — protect the creations of people who make stuff so that we can continue to make more stuff," said Marya, who added she paid Warner/Chappell \$455 to include "Happy Birthday To You" on a live album during which members of her band and audience sang the song to her the night before her birthday.

Warner/Chappell has said it doesn't try to collect royalties from just anyone singing the song but those who

use it in a commercial enterprise.

"We are looking at the court's lengthy opinion and considering our options," Warner/Chappell said in a statement following Tuesday's ruling.

In his ruling King went into great detail about the history of "Happy Birthday To You" and its derivation from "Good Morning to All."

That song was written by sisters Mildred Hill and Patty Hill sometime before 1893, the judge said, adding that the sisters assigned the rights to it and other songs to Clayton F. Summy, who copyrighted and published them in a book titled "Song Stories for the Kindergarten."

"The origins of the lyrics to Happy Birthday (the 'Happy Birthday lyrics') are less clear," the judge continued, adding the first known reference to them appeared in a 1901 article in the Inland Educator and Indiana School Journal.

The full lyrics themselves, King said, didn't appear in print until 1911.

Since then, they have become the most famous lyrics in the English language, according to Guinness World Records. The song is also sung in countless other languages around the world. □

## Cauley, survivor of crash that killed Redding, dies at 67



In this Nov. 29, 2007, file photo, Ben Cauley, a member of the Stax Records group the Bar-Kays and the only survivor of the 1967 plane crash that killed most of his bandmates and Stax star Otis Redding, poses for a photo in his home studio in Memphis, Tenn.

Associated Press

**MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP)** — Trumpeter Ben Cauley, a member of the Stax Records group the Bar-Kays and the only survivor of the 1967 plane crash that killed most of his bandmates and Stax star Otis Redding, has died in Memphis. He was 67.

Cauley's eldest daughter, Chekita Cauley-Campbell, said her father died late Monday at Methodist South Hospital. His death was first reported by The Commercial Appeal.

While he has long been known as the sole survivor of the crash that killed Redding, Cauley was a survivor in many other ways.

He had struggled with health issues for years, including a stroke he suffered in 1989, but he persevered through all of it and continued to play his trumpet.

"He was just a real humble, debonair gentleman," Cauley-Campbell said. "He really loved his music. His music was really his life. He breathed music."

Cauley was playing with the Bar-Kays while still attending high school at

Booker T. Washington High School in Memphis, his daughter said. When he was a senior he would be picked up at high school on a Friday, travel and play with Otis Redding on the weekends and then come back to school the next week. She said some of the band members needed permission slips from their parents to travel with the band.

On Dec. 10, 1967, they were traveling on Redding's new twin engine Beechcraft when it went into Lake Monona near Madison, Wisconsin. Able to hold on to a seat cushion, Cauley was the only survivor. Another band member, bassist James Alexander, was on a different plane.

After the crash, the pair rebuilt the Bar-Kays and backed Isaac Hayes on his landmark album, "Hot Buttered Soul," according to the Memphis Music Hall of Fame's website. The Bar-Kays were inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2013.

Cauley-Campbell said her father toured with Hayes, and also played with Aretha Franklin, the Doobie Brothers and many others. He was a well-known session musician, and Cauley-Campbell said she often recognized the sound of his trumpet on records because it was so different from anyone else's playing.

"No one could play like him," she said. "It was a very distinct sound. It was a pitch above the roof."

Besides Cauley-Campbell, Cauley is survived by daughters Shuronda Cauley-Oliver, Miriam Cauley-Crisp, Monica Cauley-Johnson and Kimberly Garrett; and sons Phalon Richmond and Ben Wells. Plans for a memorial service are pending. □



## Shelter dogs in new PBS series help Massachusetts county

SUE MANNING

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A mutt from a Massachusetts animal shelter who got a new life as a K-9 drug-detection dog stars in an upcoming episode of a new PBS series called "Shelter Me: Partners for Life."

The Worcester County sheriff's department in central Massachusetts turned to the shelter when there wasn't enough money in the budget to replace its retiring tracking dogs. The department covers 60 towns, a prison and a million people. With drug overdose deaths in Massachusetts rising, including 1,200 last year, the department needed a good drug detection dog.

Sheriff Lewis G. Evangelidis sent Lt. Tom Chabot to find a shelter dog that was



In this Oct. 24, 2013 photo from the Worcester County Sheriff's Office shows service dog Nikita visiting a criminal justice class at Sutton Memorial High School in Sutton, Mass.

young, friendly, enthusiastic, smart and free. Chabot came back with

Nikita. Their story is showcased in an episode of "Shelter Me: Partners for Life" airing on PBS beginning Oct. 1 (local listings at ShelterMe.TV). A second profile on the show will look at singer Emmylou Harris and her animal rescue,

Bonaparte's Retreat. Nikita was picked up as a stray in San Juan, Puerto Rico, when he was 3 months old and 25 pounds, and brought to the Sterling Animal Shelter in Sterling, Massachusetts, Chabot said. "He was reaching

out to me, stuck to me, screaming for us to take him," Chabot recalled.

In no time, Nikita was a local rock star with a following that counted students, inmates and residents. Drug seizures at the prison even dropped.

Last year, another Sterling dog named Jaxx, also from San Juan, joined Nik on the Worcester squad.

The department saved tens of thousands of dollars by picking dogs from shelters, training them for eight weeks instead of six months or two years, and getting that training from the nearby Plymouth County Sheriff's Department.

Chabot doesn't have to buy anything but food for Nik, said filmmaker Steven Latham, who created the series. A veterinarian donates the dog's medical care. A group of residents got him a bulletproof vest and an alarm that notifies Chabot and opens patrol car doors if it gets too hot while he's sitting inside. □

Associated Press

## Aretha Franklin has a song \_ and a gift \_ for the pope



In this Dec. 14, 2014 file photo, singer Aretha Franklin attends the premiere of "Selma" in New York.

Associated Press

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AP Entertainment Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Getting Aretha Franklin to sing for you could be considered a gift in itself. But the Queen of Soul has something special for Pope Francis when she performs for him at the Festival of Families concert in Philadelphia on Saturday.

Franklin told The Associated Press that she'll present the pope with a box set of sermons by her father, civil rights activist C.L. Franklin, a famous preacher in his own right. "Almost everything that he recorded is in that set," she said Wednesday.

day.

She's one of several singers, including Andrea Bocelli and Juanes, set to perform during the pope's historic visit to the U.S. He arrived in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, and will visit New York before ending his trip in Philadelphia.

Franklin praised the pope for his attention to the poor: "He impresses me in just being a very, very kindly pope." Franklin, who has performed for presidents, civil rights leaders and a host of luminaries, sang for Pope John Paul II when he visited Detroit in 1987.

"When I was called to sing, his motorcade was just coming into Hart Plaza, so I don't know if he heard the performance or not, but the P.A. system was so loud, I'm pretty sure he did," she said.

Franklin said she felt "most appreciated" to be included in the concert.

"Just to be held at this level of esteem at this juncture of my career is really great," she said. □

## Study: Presidential campaign coverage outpacing past



In this Sept. 16, 2015 file photo, Republican presidential candidates, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, right, and Donald Trump both speak during the CNN Republican presidential debate at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, Calif.

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — By one measure, the 2016 presidential campaign has made more news at this early stage than any of the six previous contests. ABC, CBS and NBC have devoted 504 minutes to campaign news on their evening newscasts through last Friday, according to

an analysis by the Tyndall Report, which studies the content of these programs. The previous high of 462 minutes at this point came in 2007, another year when no incumbent was running. Tyndall made no such measurements prior to the 1992 campaign. Republicans have ac-

counted for two-thirds of the coverage, partly because of the two debates and partly due to Donald Trump. The GOP front-runner accounted for 29 percent of the campaign coverage himself, Tyndall said. The two GOP debates have attracted record-setting audiences for Fox News Channel and CNN. The three programs have also spent virtually the same amount of time on the controversy involving Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton's emails as it has on her campaign, the report said.

NBC's "Nightly News" has spent 215 minutes on the campaign, the "CBS Evening News" 161 minutes and ABC's "World News Tonight" 128 minutes, Tyndall said.

Measurement of the presidential campaign began at the start of the 2015 calendar year. □



## Pope Pop Quiz:

# Test your knowledge of all things papal with an AP Quiz

**NICOLE WINFIELD**

**Associated Press**

**VATICAN CITY (AP)** — Pope Francis delivered his first mass in the United States this week on Wednesday, September 23, 2015. Test your knowledge about all things papal with this quiz. Answers are at the end.

**1) Which is NOT one of Pope Francis' official titles?**

- b) Romano Guardini
- c) St. Francis of Assisi
- d) Karl Marx

**5) Pope Francis has sneaked out of the Vatican to:**

- a) feed the homeless
- b) buy new glasses
- c) go Christmas shopping
- d) get a slice of pizza

**6) Pope Francis' spends his**

**10) Pope Francis has never visited:**

- a) United States
- b) Germany
- c) South Korea
- d) Sri Lanka

**ANSWERS:**

**1) Which is NOT one of Pope Francis' official titles?**

**a)** Emeritus Bishop of Buenos Aires. Francis has many titles, starting with the high-

Francis has revamped the geographic distribution of the College of Cardinals by naming "princes of the church" from far-flung countries in a bid to give "peripheral" communities representation at the highest levels of the church. Tonga, Myanmar and Cape Verde all got their first-ever cardinals.

During his papacy, Francis has reduced Europe's share of the cardinals who can vote for a new pope to less than half of the total for the first time ever.

**4) Pope Francis began, but never completed, a master's thesis on:**

**b)** Romano Guardini. Guardini was an Italian-born German philosopher who was an enormously influential Catholic thinker in the mid-20th century.

In 1986, after Francis' tumultuous leadership of the Argentine Jesuits and subsequent position as a seminary rector in Buenos Aires, the future pope was sent off to Germany to begin a dissertation on Guardini that he never completed.

Guardini, however, remained deeply important to him: Francis cited Guardini eight times in his ecology encyclical "Praise Be" — more than any modern thinker other than a pope.

**5) Pope Francis has sneaked out of the Vatican to:**

**b)** buy new glasses. Francis has said that what he misses most about being pope is that he can no longer walk around town, visit with the homeless or go out for a pizza.

However it was a more mundane errand that prompted him to slip out of the Vatican on Sept. 3 with just a bodyguard and driver: to get a new set of lenses for his eyeglasses.

**6) Pope Francis' spends his summer vacations in:**

**c)** Domus Sanctae Mar-

thae. Unlike his predecessors, Francis has eschewed the lush Castel Gandolfo papal summer retreat overlooking Lake Alban. Instead, he vacations in the same Vatican hotel where he lives: Room 201 of the Domus Sanctae Marthae, a modern residence on the edge of the Vatican gardens where visiting priests and other officials stay while on business at the Vatican.

**7) The pope's favorite sports team is:**

**d)** San Lorenzo. Francis is a lifelong fan of the Buenos Aires soccer club and has kept up his membership (No. 88235N-0). He has met several times with the team since his election and has an impressive collection of San Lorenzo jerseys that have been given to him.

**8) The pope belongs to this religious order:**

**b)** Society of Jesus. Francis joined the Jesuits while he was in the diocesan seminary and was ordained a Jesuit priest on Dec. 13, 1969. Much of his spirituality and style — examination of conscience, long periods of discernment and commitment to social justice — can be traced to his formation as a Jesuit.

**9) Pope Francis' favorite drink is:**

**d)** mate. Like most Argentines, Francis adores his mate, the traditional tea that is sipped through a straw from a gourd. Francis routinely takes a sip when a gourd is handed up to him from the general public — a potential health concern that has never seemed to faze the pope though it must give his doctors and bodyguards pause.

**10) Pope Francis has never visited:**

**a)** The United States, until this week. This is Francis' first time on U.S. soil, and he's also a first-time visitor to Cuba. The Vatican says Francis did once change planes in Cuba, but never actually left the airport. □



Cardinal Donald Wuerl, archbishop of Washington, right, translates for Pope Francis as the Pope gestures that wishes he had more time to greet everyone following the midday prayer from the Liturgy of Hours, the daily form of prayer of the Catholic Church, with bishops from the U.S., Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015, at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

- a) Emeritus Bishop of Buenos Aires
- b) Primate of Italy
- c) Vicar of Christ
- d) Successor of the Prince of the Apostles

**2) The white skullcap that Pope Francis wears is called a:**

- a) cappuccino
- b) yarmulke
- c) beanie
- d) zucchetto

**3) Which country did NOT get its first cardinal during Pope Francis' consistory in February 2015?**

- a) Tonga
- b) Papua New Guinea
- c) Myanmar
- d) Cape Verde

**4) Pope Francis began, but never completed, a master's thesis on:**

**a)** organic chemistry

**summer vacations in:**

- a) Castel Gandolfo
- b) Buenos Aires
- c) Domus Sanctae Marthae
- d) Lampedusa

**7) The pope's favorite sports team is:**

- a) St. Louis Cardinals
- b) AS Roma
- c) San Diego Padres
- d) San Lorenzo

**8) The pope belongs to this religious order:**

- a) Franciscans
- b) Society of Jesus
- c) Brothers of Mercy
- d) Legion of Christ

**9) Pope Francis' favorite drink is:**

- a) Argentine merlot
- b) orange Fanta
- c) seltzer
- d) mate

est, Vicar of Christ, and the most mundane "Sovereign of the State of Vatican City." He is also the former archbishop of Buenos Aires, but he technically doesn't carry the "Emeritus Bishop" title, according to the Vatican's annual yearbook.

**2) The white skullcap that Pope Francis wears is called a:**

**d)** zucchetto. Francis' zucchetto has become something of a collectors' item, with the pope frequently swapping out his white skullcap for ones offered to him by the masses during his weekly general audience.

**3) Which country did NOT get its first cardinal during Pope Francis' consistory in February 2015?**

**b)** Papua New Guinea.